



Brisbane Bushwalkers

Established 1948. Still Walking Strong.

Brisbane Bushwalkers Newsletter

September 2023

What a fantastic year it's been for our Club. We conclude our BBW75 festivities with our final event, the Anniversary Celebration Party to be held on the 15th September. In addition the Club hosted the latest Bush Walking Queensland Pilgrimage in August welcoming large numbers of walkers from across the state. Now it's time to get down to business as we prepare for our Annual General Meeting. Brisbane Bushwalkers is a vibrant organisation and members are rightly proud to be associated with the Club. We have loads of potential to tap into but we know there is more to plunder. If you think you can contribute in any way towards taking this great organisation into the future see further below.

The Committee is very excited and pleased to announce that BBW has been awarded a Gambling Community Benefit Fund (GCBF) grant of \$14,959.31, for expenditure on bushwalking equipment. This will be allocated towards the purchase of equipment hired by our members for through walks such as new tents, mattresses, backpacks and stoves. We are extremely grateful to Steve

Cockburn, our Equipment Officer, who has persistently and diligently applied for grants over the last couple of years, and put in an enormous amount of hours on behalf of the Club. Thank you Steve!

After three years, Katie Lee is handing over the role of Social Media Coordinator to Liz Izquierdo. On behalf of the Committee, I would like to express our gratitude to Katie for her diligence in carrying out the role. She has done a great job moderating and monitoring the Club's social media, as well as keeping it interesting, and informative, and current. Thank you Liz for taking on the role.

Change of Venue: BBW75 Anniversary Party

Due to an unfortunate bungle with our booking at the Ship Inn, another venue had to be found at very short notice. Fortunately, The Normanby Hotel is able to accommodate the Club in one of their private function areas that has an older style ambience that will complement our late forties theme. The Normanby Hotel is at 1 Musgrave Rd, Spring Hill and is a 15 minute (1km) walk from Roma St Train Station (via Countess St). It also has a large carpark at the rear, accessible off Kelvin Grove Rd, by approaching towards the city along Musgrave Rd, and taking a sharp left at the Normanby Fiveways lights or via Petrie Tce from the South. The event time, 6.00pm – 10.00pm remains the same as does the Swing era music and memorabilia to ponder.

Dwan Moore

Notice of AGM 25 October 2023

The Annual General Meeting of Brisbane Bushwalkers Club Inc. will be held immediately after the October General Meeting on Wednesday, 25 October 2023 at Newmarket Memorial Hall, corner Enoggera Road and Ashgrove Ave, Newmarket, in accordance with Clause 31 of the Club's rules. The business of the meeting will be limited to the following:-

- Presenting and Receiving Annual Reports
- Presenting and Receiving the Audited Financial Statements and their adoption.
- Receiving the Auditor's Report
- Election of Members to the Management Committee
- Appointment of an Auditor

- The Setting of Subscriptions

The Agenda, Annual Report, and Financial Statements, will be posted on the Club website upon completion and prior to the AGM. Only Ordinary and Honorary Life members are eligible to vote at the AGM and to nominate for Committee positions. In accordance with the Club rules, all Committee positions become vacant. Ordinary and Life members are eligible to nominate for Committee positions. While some Committee members have completed their two year term and will be standing down from the Committee, other current members have indicated they are willing to continue in their present roles. Details about the Committee roles can be found in Schedule 11 the [Committee Handbook](#). If you wish to discuss a role, please contact Gerry Burton president@brisbanebushwalkers.org.au

The Committee has discussed and agreed that the current positions of Photographic Officer and Librarian become non-Committee roles.

The Nomination Form can be found by following this [link](#) and opening Schedule 4 "Nomination for Management Committee role". Nominations close at 9.00pm 11 October 2023.

The Committee positions are:

- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Outings Secretary
- Safety and Training
- New Member Officer
- Social Secretary
- Equipment Officer
- Technology Officer
- Abseil Coordinator

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[View the Activities Calendar](#)



Peter Kroll receiving the "Platinum Boot award" from Dwan Moore - Diane Van

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/fFaml0TVsOQoBTfw9hHr>

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

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/Dtga0ALFzAl0rjlslhO>

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. BBW75: Photographs of any of the BBW75 activities including the Platinum Boot weekends, the Pilgrimage, the Toohey Forest Walk and the 75th Cocktail Party Celebration. This category will be judged by a people's choice vote, so content may be more important than technical skill. : <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!



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Strong!

75th Anniversary

Brisbane
Bushwalkers Club
1948 to 2023

View to Mt Barney - Guilherme Salum

BBW75 Commemorative Magazine

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 75th Anniversary Celebration Cocktail Party, all Club Meetings at Newmarket and at K2 Basecamp, Fortitude Valley.

The BBW 75th Anniversary magazine is now available for purchase via Direct Deposit and with postal delivery.

To order your 75 th Magazine for postal delivery:

Postal delivery \$15.00 per copy incl. postage. Pay by Direct Deposit (EFT) (see below). Email your order and your delivery address to president@brisbanebushwalkers.org.au Your order will be dispatched once payment has been received.

Collection

Pay and Collect \$10.00 per copy.

Payment can be made on the night in cash or by Direct Deposit.

Collect from BBW Club night, first Wednesday of the month. Check the club activity calendar for the next meeting.

BBW bank details for payments via Direct Deposit

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BSB: 124-021

Acc: 10414419

Reference: Mag + your name



Rock hopping in Barney Creek - Graeme Harper

Meeting Calendar

13 September

Walkers Haute route, Chamonix to Zermatt 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

Annual General Meeting and Club business

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



Mt May Creek - Nick Brooking

Track Closures

Main Range National Park

Gap Creek Falls walking track is undergoing maintenance and will remain closed up until November 2023.

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

Mt Barney National Park

Due to a current wildfire, the Mount Ernest section of Mount Barney National Park is temporarily closed and will remain so until declared safe. The Mount Ernest section is the area between the Mount Lindsay Highway and Cronan Creek. This includes Mount Ernest, the Mount Ernest fireline and the Boonah Border Gate remote campground. Wildfire mitigation activities are in progress and areas will be reopened once conditions are considered safe.

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.

Leaders should check the NP website for alerts.

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



Mt Greville Pinnacle & Abseils - Matt D

2023 BBW Pilgrimage wrap up

On the first weekend of August the Club hosted the 2023 Pilgrimage at Kalbar Showgrounds with over 132 bushwalkers across South East Queensland attending. The weekend commenced with a welcome from our president followed by the traditional Friday night Pilgrimage soup being offered to attendees. This year our Quiz Compere (Mandy) entertained us all on Friday night with the latest Trivia competition to the delight of many. In typical Dwan style he was at the BBQ on Saturday night feeding another large contingent of walkers. Sunday morning allowed walkers the option to kayak or go for a short walk, while the Presidents of the various clubs met for discussions followed by the handing over of “The Boot” to next year’s Pilgrimage

host, Redlands Bushwalking Club.



Flowering wattle - Cath Carkeet

Handy Hints for New Members - Walking Poles Part 2

Some features to consider when buying a set of hiking poles:

Weight – you are lifting the poles with each step or carrying them on your pack when not in use so lighter is better

Material – most poles are either aluminium (heavier but stronger) or

carbon fibre (lighter, not as strong, more expensive)

Length – To check pole length for your height - hold arms with elbows at 90 degrees and grip poles, when vertical the poles should rest on the ground. Poles can be fixed length or adjustable length.

Most will deconstruct into 2 or 3 sections. Ensure you can manage the locking system easily.

Hand Grips – Generally made from rubber (absorbs shock, insulates against temp but can cause chafing), cork (resists sweat, can mould to your hands) and foam (soft, absorbs sweat but can deteriorate faster).

Different grip designs.

Price – can range from \$50 - \$350 depending on features.

If you love hiking and find poles helpful, it is worth having an expert at K2 or other specialist hiking store, help you choose the most suitable pair for your intended use.

This article is a follow up to Walking Poles Part 1 which can be accessed [here](#)



Landscape around Mermaid Mountain- Jeremy Martin

Events + Safety and Training

BW75 Anniversary Celebration - Friday 15 September

We will celebrate this significant milestone for the Club by holding a cocktail party at the Normanby Hotel, 1 Musgrave Rd, Spring Hill, a 15 minute (1km) walk from Roma St Train Station (via Countess St).

New Member Induction Chermside Hills - Sunday September 17

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

New Member Induction Mt Coot-tha - Sunday October 1

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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](#)

Mt Glorious Barracks Grandparents weekend - Fri-Sun October 6-8

The weekend as always, offers children the pleasures of the bush in the safe secure environment of the Barracks which has a lockable gate and a fenced driveway to keep them from any roads.

[Nominate here](#)

Leader's Weekend Levels 5, 6 & 7- Fri-Sat 20-22 October

A weekend for BBW leaders who are leading at the Terrain 5, 6 & 7 level has been planned for the weekend, 20, 21, 22 October in D'Aguilar National Park (South). [Nominate here](#)

BBW Christmas Party 2023 - Fri -Sun 1-3 December

Master Chef David Sydes and his team will treat us to another gourmet Christmas feast, followed by dancing and frivolities to tribute tunes from the ever so popular three-piece Flanders Band. Explore the beautiful D'Aguilar National Park on one of the many walks that will be posted closer to the date. And on Sunday morning, take a leisurely stroll through Samford for coffee and breakfast at one of the numerous cafes or go orienteering on the BP Park permanent orienteering course or visit the Samford Historic Museum before returning home.

[Nominate here](#)



Mt Barney region - Gui Salum

Bush fire awareness

The [National Council for Fire and Emergency Services \(AFAC\)](#) reports that during this spring there is increased risk of bush fire for large areas of Australia including Queensland. As bushwalkers it is important to stay informed of weather conditions in the area that you plan to visit, adhere to any warnings issued by Emergency Services and to plan ahead. After taking all of the above into account the next step is to make your informed decision- Is it sensible to go

or not?

[Outdoors Queensland](#) provides the following information:

"Before you go

- Research your route – take a map (will the map on your phone work?)
- Plan an escape route and/or shelter
- Is there water available on the walk?
- Does someone in your party have first aid training?
- Intentions – let someone know where you are going and when you will be back?"

Useful resources:

[Rural Fire Service](#)

[The Bureau of Meteorology Queensland](#)

[The Bureau of Meteorology Fire weather knowledge centre](#)

[AFAC Seasonal Bushfire Outlook](#)

[Queensland Fire & Emergency Services Fire Bans](#)

[Park Alerts](#) and closures



Tick Season has arrived

A number of Club members are already reporting ticks bites, so it's a timely reminder for walkers to be on the alert for them. Ticks can be found in numerous places around Australia and love humid, bushy environments. As a precaution people should wear plenty of clothing to cover their bodies while outside in bushy areas and after returning from a walk thoroughly check themselves for the presence of these creatures.

Immunologist Dr Kevin Broady says " if someone is bitten they avoid using tweezers to remove it, as this risks squeezing the tick and releasing the toxins into the bloodstream. Instead, he advised using a product that can be bought at pharmacies to freeze the tick and wait for it to fall off. Freeze them, don't squeeze them' has been the mantra he is trying to get around to people". [ABC Article December 2022](#)

The [Queensland Poisons Information Centre](#) and the [Health Direct website](#) provide information on how to identify tick bites and subsequent information on how to treat and remove them.



On the climb up to Mt Maroon via the creek - Cath Carkeet

BBW Welcomes our New Leaders

On the weekend of the 2nd (Riverfire) & 3rd (Fathers day) an eager group of ordinary members gave up their weekend to come along to the Barracks to discover the joys of becoming BBW leaders. We talked, we walked, we learnt a lot about the Club's policies & procedures. Most importantly they learnt about the support Club members give to each other. The candidates seemed to enjoy the sessions and were given time to deliberate over the decision to dive in and become BBW leaders. The Club gratefully welcomes the following as our September Leadership inductees.

Mel Grecco

Bart Jones
Jeremy Scott
Renee Lotter
Jeremy Martin
Aaron Hatchard
Grant Reid
Paul Colquist.

Congratulations.

As new leaders please help them to feel welcome and sign up for their walks. I would formally like to thank Grant & Patsy Dacomb for their help over the weekend. It was great to have you come and share your knowledge.



Our September new leaders - Helen Barge

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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