



Brisbane
Bushwalkers

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Newsletter

January 2024

Membership Renewals due 28th February

Ordinary members are reminded that membership fees of \$40.00 for 2024, fall due on 28th February 2024. There are a lot of fees to process in January and February, so please try and make renewal payments early. Non-financial members may not take part in BBW activities.

Cash and cheque payments for membership fees will no longer be taken at meetings.

Please pay by bank transfer only to:

BSB: 124-021
Account: [1041-4419](#)
Account Name: Brisbane Bushwalkers Club
Reference: Your Surname & Initial e.g. SMITHM

When making the payment, please put your surname & initial as the reference. There is no need to email the Registrar informing them of payment.

New Website Coming Soon!

As members would be aware, the Club is in the process of developing a new website.

Why are we doing this? The current website is written in Drupal 7, and support for this is expiring and upgrading requires a total re-write of the site.

The Technical Subcommittee has been working diligently meeting monthly since December 2022, and more recently we have been meeting weekly. Some of us are also conducting comprehensive testing of the activities and membership functions.

We will then be inviting some members, leaders, Committee and other non-committee administrators to test the new system and provide feedback.

It is anticipated that the new site will be launched sometime in March.

More information will be sent to all members and leaders over the next few months.

Photographic Officer

The Committee is very pleased to announce that Shannon Bratton has been appointed to the position of Photographic Officer.

As well as being an active member and leader of BBW for many years, Shannon is a keen photographer, and has participated in the BBW annual Photographic competition, winning several prizes.

Shannon has some exciting ideas for Club photography for the coming year, so watch for more information.

Thanks to Shannon for nominating for this role.

Updated Emergency Contact Officers

The Club has designated Emergency Contact Officers whose numbers are listed on the website under [Resources/Club Contacts](#). Make your family and friends aware of these Contact Officers details before embarking on a walk.

All members should also put these numbers into their phone contacts. If there is a problem or a delay returning to Brisbane, the leader or a group member will endeavour to make contact with an Officer. Although this responsibility falls primarily on the leader, there may be situations where the leader is unable to do so.

Please update the numbers in your phone:

[0408 098 435](tel:0408098435) (Steve Cockburn)

[0408 793 715](tel:0408793715) (Gerry Burton)

[0410 522 383](tel:0410522383) (Helen Barge)

Change to Walk Grading Definition

The Committee has discussed the following change to the definition of the Fitness and Endurance **Grading “F”**:

Old definition of F: Extreme - Very high fitness, endurance and agility required. About twelve hours of walking and greater than **1000m** of elevation gain/loss per day.

New Definition of F: Extreme - Very high fitness, endurance and agility required. About twelve hours of walking and greater than **1400m** of elevation gain/loss per day.

This distinguishes level F more clearly from the current level E, which is also 1000m, but with other differences:

Most of the “E” and “F” graded walks are in the Mt Barney region.

Resources tab

Did you know that articles relating to bushwalking safety are located under the [Resources/safety](#) tab on the website. Look [here](#) to read further about Stinging

Trees,

Mammalian Meat Allergy and more. Future presentations and relevant safety information will also be located in this area.

Our Gratitude to:

In our last newsletter the editor was remiss in acknowledging Tanya Mahony as our departing New Members officer. Tanya, (along with the support of Barry) made a considerable contribution to the Club in this role. She was instrumental in updating the new membership joining process, in conjunction with being a welcoming face for new members. BBW has been privileged to have her represent our Club. Thank you to Tanya and Barry Mahony

The first Club meeting of the year will be held on **Wednesday 10 January**.

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[View the Activities Calendar](#)



View from the Yul-Yan-Man Loop - Jeremy Martin

Track Closures

Bushwalkers please note: with the current unstable weather

conditions, providing accurate track closure information is extremely difficult. Please refer to the links below for the most accurate up to date information on track conditions.

Main Range National Park

Mt Mitchell Track - track still open, just temporarily realigned to 31 July
Northern Cunningham's Gap walking tracks - still open with ongoing works to 16 January

Lamington National Park

Annual closure for all bush camps including Gold Coast Hinterland Great Walk to 31 January

Bellthorpe National Park

Some areas in Bellthorpe National Park are closed until declared safe. Closed areas include Branch Creek and Beacon Road closure effective 2 January - 2 February.

D'Aguilar National Park

Eel Tailed Catfish Nesting Season - caution when swimming - Walkabout Creek Discovery Centre to 31 January
Bunya Conservation Park - Car park 1 and toilet block closed to 30 September
Camp Mountain Access Road - closed due to a landslip to 2 April
Mt Mee - Mill Rainforest Walking Track closed due to storm damage to 30 September

SEQ Beaches

Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service is warning visitors of the potential dangers posed by toxic canisters washing up on Queensland beaches. National Parks affected include K'gari and Southern Moreton Bay Islands and Cooloola Recreation Area. Canisters should not be moved or opened, and any sightings should be reported to emergency services on Triple Zero (000).

Leaders should check the NP website for alerts.

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

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



Love Creek Falls via Mt D'Aguilar Trig Point - Larissa Pedroso

Meeting Calendar

10 January

Adventure Touring in Japan - Jenny & Ken Staib

14 February

Alta Via 1 (AV1) Walking in the Dolomites - David Muncaster

13 March

Traveling the Kimberley with the BBW Bathing and Swimming Auxillary -
Gareth Thomas

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





Orchid Lookout, Araucaria track, Lamington NP - Katie Lee

Events + Safety and Training

New Member Induction Training for **Leaders** -Mt Coot-tha
- Sat 13 January

New Member Induction Mt Coot-tha - Sunday 14 January

[Nominate here](#)

New Member Induction Mt Coot-tha - Monday 29 January

[Nominate here](#)

Tomato Brothers Dinner Night - Friday -2 February

What can be better than pizza on a Friday night? Come and join Karen and Bernie at Tomato Brothers in Wilston who claim to be cooking up some of the most inspirational and flavoursome food in town.

[Nominate here](#)

First Aid Training with Remote Scenarios, Nudgee - 10 - 11 February

This training is a certified remote first aid course conducted by a paramedic with many years experience. [Further enquiries here](#)

New Member Induction Mt Coot-tha - Sunday 11 February

[Nominate here](#)

New Member Induction Mt Coot-tha - Sunday 24 February

[Nominate here](#)

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

For full members interested in becoming leaders for the Club who will have by March done at least 15 walks with BBW. Experienced leaders will give presentations based on the Leaders Guide. [Nominate here](#)

Abseil Leader Refresher Group Rescue - Saturday 9 March

An informal refresher for abseil leaders and a primer for those accepted into the more formal Vertical Rescue course in April and who are likely to become leaders. [Nominate here](#)

2024 BWQ Pilgrimage Date Claimer Friday 6-8 September

Redlands Bushwalkers is hosting the Pilgrimage for 2024 at Kenilworth Showgrounds. Further details, including how to register, will be provided closer to the date.



Lyrebird and Orchid Grotto Lookout, Lamington NP - Jeremy Martin

Citizen Science Projects

Wild Yeast Zoo

Researchers at the University of Newcastle have developed a project to unlock the potential of unexplored Australian Yeast. They will be looking at how wild yeasts can be used for new yeast beers as well as how wild yeasts can be used for other applications such as biotechnology, medicine, or food production. This is a Citizen Science Project where the public can assist in the collection of wild yeasts from the environment. Contact the project coordinators [here](#) to find out more and request a collection kit.

iNaturalist

" iNaturalist helps you identify the plants and animals around you while generating data for science and conservation. What's more, by recording and sharing your observations, you'll create research-quality data for scientists working to better understand and protect nature. Every observation can contribute to biodiversity science, from the rarest butterfly to the most common backyard weed. We share your findings with scientific data repositories like the [Global Biodiversity Information Facility](#) to help scientists find and use your data. All you have to do is observe." For more information click [here](#)





TT on her Farewell Frolic, Lower to Upper Portals Circuit - Matt D

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