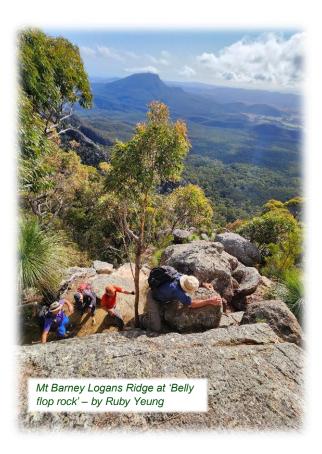


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From the President

Notice of the AGM 23 October 2024.

The Annual General Meeting of Brisbane Bushwalkers Club Inc. will be held on **Wednesday, 23 October 2024 at 7.30pm** 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 AGM meeting will be limited to the following:

- Presenting and Receiving Annual Reports
- Presenting and Receiving the Audited Financial Statements and their adoption.
- Receiving the Auditors Report
- Appointment of an Auditor
- The Setting of Subscriptions
- Election of Members to the Management Committee

The Agenda, Annual Report, and Financial Statements, and Committee nominations will be available 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 the Management Committee

Election of the Management Committee

In accordance with the club rules, all committee positions become vacant. 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 on the committee.

We have currently received nominations for all committee positions.

The Nomination Form can be found on the Club website at Resources/Rules and Forms/Schedule 4 Nomination for a Management Committee Role. <u>BBW Committee Nomination Form</u>

Nominations close at 9.00pm 9 October 2024

The Committee positions are:

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

Rules Update – Grievance Procedure

The Office of Fair Trading has advised organisations incorporated under the Associations Act 1981, which includes BBW, that as from 1st July 2024, they must include a grievance procedure in their rules.

Incorporated associations must follow the grievance procedure in the model rules to resolve disputes, or a compliant grievance procedure. If an organisation follows the model rules grievance procedure, it applies automatically.

The Committee decided to use the procedure in the model rules, and these have now been incorporated into the rules under Sections 8A – 8E. <u>Rules</u> <u>Brisbane Bushwalkers Incorporated</u>

Associations must also disclose remuneration paid and any benefits given to committee members, senior staff and their relatives at your Annual General Meeting. This does not apply to BBW as we are all volunteers.

Features

Photographic Competition – a Quick Guide to entering.

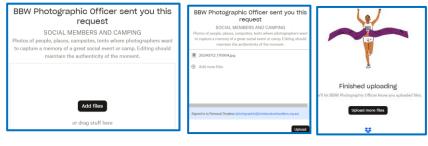
It is requested that photos **do not exceed 6 megabytes** to assist with transfer and best displaying options.

- 1. Click on the link under each category and follow the instructions to enter it.
 - **a.** Each category has a separate hyperlink to its designated Dropbox folder.
 - **b.** Select the relevant Dropbox folder for the category you want to enter and upload your photo to it.
 - **c.** You may need to <u>copy</u> the hyperlink into your web browser and click "enter" or "go".

Example



Dropbox Link: Social Members and Camping



- 2. Email <u>photographic@brisbanebushwalkers.org.au</u> to provide the following details, required for each photo you have entered:
 - Entrants name as registered in BBW profile: (*For admin, will not be submitted to judge.)
 - Photo file name:
 - Category entered:
 - Title of photo:
 - Date the photo was taken:
 - BBW club activity the photo was taken on:
 - Description, showing when and where it took place, having fun, companionship, respecting nature or pushing your limits:
 - Level of editing if applicable:
 - Have you ever won a prize, certificate, or award in a BBW photographic competition?

You can copy and paste the questions above and answer for each photo, **or** you may wish to include the above information in this table for multiple entries:

| Previous prize winner? YES or NO | | | | Entrant's Name: |
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| Photo title file | BBW activity | Category | Editing | Description |
| name | place & date | | | |
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| V | | VIDEO | Why do you think this video best promotes BBW? | |

Dropbox Links are listed below:

A. Link: <u>Action-Adventure Novice – Pure Photography</u>

- B. Link: Action-Adventure-Creative-Open Photography
- C. Link: Nature's Best in the Natural Environment
- D. Link: Landscapes and Scenery
- E. Link: The Hiker's Spirit
- F. Link: Smartphone Happy Snaps
- G. Link: Social Members and Camping

Video Link: Video 90

Then email: photographic@brisbanebushwalkers.org.au with the details required for each entry. Closing date for entries: Wednesday 11th September 2024.

For full information on the Photographic competition read <u>here</u>. If you have any questions email <u>photographic@brisbanebushwalkers.org.au</u> or contact Shannon Bratton on 0408 070 528.

New Leaders

Congratulations to Paul Lecky, Dan Reid, Leonie Burley and Diane Smith who are new Leaders approved by the Management Committee. There have also been some new abseil appointments with Tariq Riaz now approved as an Abseil Leader, and Rob McPhee and John Perry as Abseil Co-Leaders.

We are grateful that they have generously given up their time to undertake the required courses and are giving back to the club. Current leaders, please lend them your support and members keep an eye out for more activities on the club calendar.

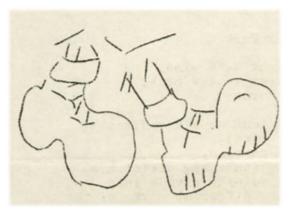
Blast from the Past – Lost World July 1974.

This is a Trip Report written by Mark Houghton 50 years ago in the October

1974 club magazine. Mark was recently made a Life Member, and you'll see mention of <u>Peter Hunt</u>, who was also on the walk from 27th to 28th July 1974. Peter is another Life Member, and both are still leading walks in the club today!

"In spite of the many mishaps, the trip was enjoyed by all??? - at the finish!!

Things just didn't go well right from the



start. Not that this is unusual with Club trips lately. Pete Hunt was not his usual punctual self on the Friday night due to a broken windscreen. However, Bunny, who had been waiting at the parking station for him bravely trusted Pete and let him take her car. In return, Bunny received a V8 Holden complete with natural air conditioning.

Three miles before the 0'Reilly's campsite, the leader's car - er 'bomb' - had a flat tyre. After a few difficulties were overcome all were safely camped at the 0'Reilly's campsite.

Keith Bassett ensured that all rose at 6 a.m. the next morning. Minutes later the whole campsite was covered with red-breasted lorikeets that were most anxious to share our breakfast. Bill Kennedy had his ear lobe singled out as one tasty morsel. 7.30 a.m. saw us set off down the track to Moran's Falls. Lunch stop was made at the Albert River. After an arduous slog with a bit of exposure thrown in for good measure, we eventually reached the top of Lost World about 4.10 p.m. The creek at the top was flowing, so future parties to this area could probably rely on this water and not have to carry it all the way up from the Albert River like we did. At 5.30 p.m. when everyone was tired and exhausted, we decided to camp. Half an hour later someone threw some shellite around and nearly started a bushfire. Rudd's pack suffered some damage in the inferno.



Next morning we continued on to Worendo, crossing the Lost World-Worendo saddle on the way. A lunch stop was made at Echo Point soon after midday. Everyone then returned to the cars by 3 p.m. happy that Sunday had been an easier day than Saturday. Many thanks to Keith Bassett who was a great help on the walk."

Adding some context to Marks report, the Editor did this same walk in 2012 (38 years later, led by Richard Walton) and recorded 26km and 1,600m of ascent/descent – so a big effort for Mark's group, especially carrying water, and heavy gear up to Lost World.

QLD Government Budget Analysis by NPAQ.

The National Parks Association of QLD Inc. recently published an overview

of wins for nature and national parks. This can be viewed in full in their media statement at this link <u>here</u> and can be attributed to NPAQ's CEO Chris Thomas.

It begins:



"Typically, conservation spending risks getting short shrift in national and state budgets, but recently we have been buoyed by the gradual change in mindset around the benefits of funding nature-based pursuits, environmental interpretation and biodiversity conservation in protected areas overall. While a greater percentage of the State's treasury needs to be directed towards protected areas and biodiversity management – particularly when Queensland's existing national parks and rangers struggle with the load of weeds, pests and service management – the Miles Government budget for 2024–2025 makes some provisions for capital and non-capital expenditure to lighten that load. Environmental interpretation, QPWS fire management and private protected areas present a clear focus. The Department of Environment, Science and Innovation (DESI) has been allocated an additional \$102.2 million for capital purchases in 2024–25. These capital purchases will allow the department to deliver on conserving and restoring Queensland's unique biodiversity, heritage and protected areas, and protecting World Heritage areas. Previously, the government had set aside \$250 million over 4 years, held centrally, of which \$139.1 million remains across 2024–25 and 2025–26 for land acquisitions and capital works to support Queensland's Protected Area Strategy 2020–2030."

Club Business

Club Meetings (2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month)

September 2024

Wed 11

Presentation – Ranger in Charge, Lamington National Park

Wed 25 - Club Business & New Member Information

October 2024

Wed 09

Presentation - Photographic Competition Presentation

Wed 23 - Annual General Meeting (AGM) & Club Business

November 2024

Wed 13 Presentation – Mycology the Study of Fungi

Wed 27 - Club Business & New Member Information

Trip Reports

These are extracts from some of the Trip Reports that leaders have filed in the past two months. Go to your BBW website and look under Resources/Trip Reports for the full accounts.









Shannon, Chris, Ray and Kay began the walk at the gate facing the cattle yards just after 8:30AM on the Old Mt Lindesay Rd. The grassed farm road (gazetted) takes you on a meander towards Mt Lindesay and loops back to face Glennie's Chair. You get a great view of both these features during this section, and it allows you to warm up a bit. After hitting the Border Fence, we stayed on the QLD

side and crossed over the fence at a gate to NSW at about 575m. This proved a little early and we found that you could stay in QLD until a corner in the fence at about 780m. This is where you turn right and go directly uphill until you hit the rock which is Glennie's Chair.

We made it here just before 11AM and decided to have lunch (given our Brisbane departure at 6:30AM). The only way up to the top of Glennie's Chair was to climb a ledge and hold onto an old rope of dubious age. Chris tried it and reached just below where the rope was anchored onto a small tree, then realised that there was a much longer chimney to climb after that tree. He retreated, realising that appropriate climbing gear would be best to use here. The views here are minimal, so it was a shame that the top couldn't be reached.....

Lake Manchester Clockwise – 31 July 2024 by Aaron Fielder.

Lake Manchester is in the southwestern area of D'Aguilar National Park just over 25 kms west of the Brisbane CBD [as the crow flies] and 15 kms north of Ipswich. The lake is a dam built on Cabbage Tree Creek just under 3 kms from where it joins the Brisbane River just upstream from Mt Crosby. The dam took four years to build and was competed in 1916. It was originally called Cabbage Tree Creek Dam however upon completion was renamed Lake Manchester after Mr E.J. Manchester, president of the Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board. Its original purpose was to supplement water supplies when the flow of the Brisbane River was low.

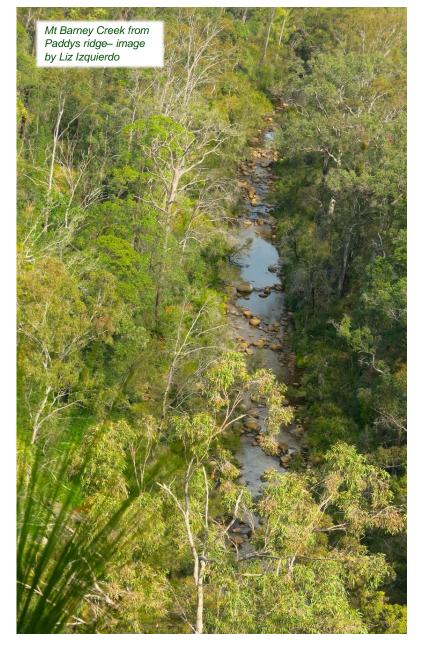
Everyone arrived early for a bracing frosty start.... no stops until morning tea at the first creek, then onwards to the open grassy lake side for lunch at the 13km point.... everything has been recently slashed and graded. We returned to the cars at 1:15pm which means that with 45-minute stoppage time, we averaged exactly 4kmh over the whole walk which is no mean feat, especially for these old bones!

A picture paints a thousand words.

Lower & Upper Portals Circuit – 3 August 2024 by Denise Manning.



Paddy's Peak and Golden Stairs – 10 August 2024 by Liz Izquierdo.



Membership Registration - Registrar delighted with new BBW website.

The new payment gateway is working brilliantly on the website – see it on the Membership tab or click <u>here</u>.

New members can join instantly, and existing members can pay with ease using their credit card.

If the membership has expired, the system will take you straight to a renewal screen and members can be back online immediately.

No more waiting for the registrar to activate records.

My job is to enter any bank deposits, which are still an option but not with immediate effect. Additionally, I will sort out any access issues and update members from probationary to ordinary member. We should really have an extraordinary category, ordinary sounds so flat ③

So, any issues shoot me a message, otherwise enjoy our new streamlined BBW page.

Jenny Staib, Registrar

Position of BBW Document Manager

After several years in the role, our current Document Manager, Michelle Monoghan, indicated that she wishes to hand over the reins another member. The Committee is very grateful for the contribution that Michelle has made to the Club over the last few years.

Pat Dacomb has generously offered to take over this important role, for which we are grateful, and was officially appointed by the Committee last night – congratulations Pat.

The Document Manager updates the documents, found under <u>Resources/Rule, By-</u> <u>Laws and Schedules</u>, on the Club website, when required by committee members. Any changes are supplied to the Document Manager by the relevant Committee member.



General Notices

Safety and Training Events

Refer to the Activities Calendar for the full details of these events:

- First Aid Training with Remote Scenarios (7-8 Sep)
- Abseil Canyon Beginner (6 Oct)
- Abseil Leader Refresher (12 Oct)
- Abseil Beginner (19 Oct)
- New Member Inductions (NMI) are listed for (8 & 21 Sep, 8 Dec)
- Navigation Training (21-23 Mar'25)

Upcoming Walk Activities



Please consult the online <u>Activities Calendar</u> on the website for all walks. Leaders sometimes have updates that we will post here.

Through Walks and Base Camps

There are numerous overnight walks and base camps on the calendar at any time which are a great way to really immerse yourself in the bush and bond/learn with fellow walkers. Here are a few coming up that still have some vacancies:

- 2024 BWQ Walkers Pilgrimage 6-8 Sep
- Surprising Alice Springs Trip 14 & 18 Sep
- Sunshine Coast Hinterland Great Walk 4-7 Oct (now 2 groups)
- Running Ck Falls, England Ck and the Stretcher Track 5-7 Oct
- Mt Glorious Barracks Grandparents 25-27 Oct
- Lake Moogerah 25-27 Oct
- Nepal Gokyo Lakes 8-23 May 2025

Christmas 2024 - the activity we look forward to all year!

Nominations are open for the 2024 BBW Christmas Party Friday 6 till Sunday 8 December at Baden Powell Park, Samford Village

Brush up on your Nutbush and Hustle and be prepared for another superb dinner courtesy of David Sydes and his kitchen team.

Dinner and accommodation packages available.

Go here to nominate - <u>BBW</u> <u>Christmas Party 2024</u>



Leaders Wanted

Leaders wanted for Christmas Party affiliated walks.

Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 December.



You can lead any walk you like as long as it is in the D'Aguilar National Park. Labelling your walk as part of the Christmas Party Weekend is recommended.

Contact Linda McPhee here social@brisbanebushwalkers.org.au and upload your walk. Voila!

Track Closures

There are currently 25 alerts for the Brisbane region. Leaders should check these NP websites for alerts.

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

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

Gear - Equipment Hacks

Here are some useful tips when through or overnight walking.

- Carry a light cloth, e.g. Chux wipe, to brush the moisture off your outer tent walls and let the sunshine dry it off a bit before packing it away.
- Use the moistened cloth to lightly clean any mud off the inside and outside floor of your tent.
- To successfully get the tent back in the stuff sack, open all door zips, lay the tent out flat on your groundsheet, place the poles on top of the tent, and roll the tent up around the poles starting from the crown of the roof and working down to the free edges to expel any trapped air.

Equipment hire is available at the Wednesday Club meetings but as I am often very busy on these nights, if you wish to hire gear or purchase Tyvek, please send an email ahead of the meeting, (minimum of 2-3 days beforehand) to equipment@brisbanebushwalkers.org.au. I can then have your equipment ready for you to collect at a meeting. For more details please click here. Good luck and Happy Camping!

Cathy Stewart, Equipment Officer

Club Discounts and Sponsors

This year has been a bit of a revival year for hiking related retailers, now that people are venturing outdoors after the dreaded 'C' pandemic. This is easily noticed when you look at the Photographic Comp sponsors. So, the club has set up a new web page listing our supporters, who are also offering club members generous discounts. For the full list and what they have to offer, you can find the webpage at the end of the Resources tab on your BBW website (once you log in) or <u>click here</u>.

Library Bargains

Snake Bandages remain at \$10 even though they have increased in the shops, now almost \$12.

New to the library, Emergency (Space) Blankets \$5, almost \$10 in the shops.

We still have a giveaway table of unwanted books at meetings.



Tom Vaughan, Librarian

Your club, your newsletter.

If you would like to share photos, walking news or any other appropriate content please email me (Chris Hall) your friendly Newsletter Editor at newsletters@brisbanebushwalkers.org.au

Keen to view previous editions of this newsletter? Click here .

Want to change how you receive these emails? You can update your preferences through your settings in your Profile/Update Profile/Preferences.

To ensure that you can access all links contained in the newsletter, it is best that you are also logged onto your BBW internet web page.

Hey Bob! Here is a joke for your next walk:

Insurance companies are warning campers if your tent is stolen during the night you won't be covered!



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