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Ipswich Bushwalkers Inc

Newsletter



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August - September 2020 Edition - **AMENDED**

COMING EVENTS CALENDAR - Descriptions are on pages 2 & 3

Date	Day	Event	Type	Grade	Leader	Time	Cost
02 Aug 20	Sunday	Meeting AGM			Ian	7pm	
09 Aug 20	Sunday	Dandys Range, Lake Manchester.	HD	S34	Dave	7am	\$5
23 Aug 20	Sunday	Berrimba Wetland, Scrubby Creek, Logan City	HD	S33	Tiffany	7am	\$10
30 Aug 20	Sunday	Mathieson's Trail, Spicer's Gap	DW	S44	Barbara	7am	\$12
06 Sep 20	Sunday	Walks Planning Meeting				7pm	
13 Sep 20	Sunday	Enoggera Dam Circuit	DW	M34	Manfred	7am	\$10
20 Sep 20	Sunday	Paperbark Flats Twilight Walk	HD	S32	Tiffany	4pm	\$5
27 Sep 20	Sunday	Bally Mountain	DW	S65	Russell	7am	\$20
04 Oct 20	Sunday	Blackbutt & BVRT	BC	M33	Russell		
11 Oct 20	Sunday	Committee Meeting General Meeting				7pm 7:30pm	
25 Oct 20	Sunday	Cronans Falls, Mt Barney	DW	M34	Barbara	7am	
01 Nov 20	Sunday	Walks Planning Meeting				7pm	

Please Note:

Our walk leaders only lead walks that are within his or her ability and experience but are *not formally trained* or qualified in Bushcraft.

The Coming Events Calendar is **subject to change at any time without notice**. People wishing to participate in any listed event **must contact the nominated Leader beforehand** in order to answer any queries you may have regarding that particular event, and to ensure you are contacted in case of last minute changes. This is also a good time to let the leader know if you have any special requirements.

Walks usually depart from the park at the intersection of South and Nicholas Streets, Ipswich, opposite the Civic Centre, *unless noted otherwise in the event descriptions*. The departure or commencement time of any event shall be as noted in the respective event description. For information regarding meetings please refer to the **Meeting Venue** details on the last page.

How to join the club:

Most people choose to come on an easy walk first. Use the calendar of events above with descriptions on pages 2 to 3 to choose a walk suitable for you and contact the leader whose number appears with the description. Have a chat to them about any questions you have and let them know you would like to go. There is a membership form on the website, you can bring that to your first walk.

EVENT TYPE and

TYPE	
BC	Base Camp
DW	Day Walk
S&T	Safety & Training
SOC	Social Activity
TW	Through Walk
HD	Half Day
BK	Bike Ride

GRADING CODES

GRADE		
DISTANCE (Letter code)	S	Short (less than 10 km per day)
	M	Medium (10 - 15 km per day)
	L	Long (15 - 20 km per day)
	X	Extra-long (greater than 20 km per day)
TERRAIN (1st number code)	1-3	Graded or open terrain. No scrub.
	4-7	Bush. Minor scrub rainforest, rock, creek, rock hopping, scrambling.
	8-10	Bush. As above + thick scrub, major rock, scrambling using hands, technical.
FITNESS (2nd number code)	1-3	Easy. Suitable for beginners.
	4-7	Medium. Reasonable fitness required.
	8-10	Hard. Strenuous. Fit walkers only.

Note: Grade **M 3 3** is recommended for first time walkers.

ESSENTIAL ITEMS FOR DAY WALKS

* Back pack	* Sturdy walking shoes or boots, and socks
* Two to three litres of water	* Rainproof jacket, jumper
* Small First Aid Kit	* Personal toiletries
* Hat	* Morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea
* Torch and Whistle	

ADDITIONAL ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR DAY WALKS

* Sunscreen	* Shorts and light long-sleeved shirt are recommended
* Insect repellent	* High energy snacks such as chocolates or raisins
	* A change of clothes for the trip home

WALK COST

During this time of social distancing due to COVID-19, the club no longer participates in car pooling and therefore walk costs do not currently apply. Should people wish to travel together it is to be a private arrangement.

COMING EVENT DESCRIPTIONS

Date	Day	Event	Type	Grade	Time	Cost
09 Aug 20	Sunday	Dandys Range, Lake Manchester	HD	S34	7am	\$5
		Departs Ipswich 7am	Leader:	Dave	Ph. Cheryl	0417 768 771
23 Aug 20	Sunday	Berrimba Wetland, Scrubby Creek, Logan City	HD	S33	7am	\$10
		Departs Ipswich 7am	Leader:	Tiffany	Ph. 0418 710 890	

The walk in Berrimba Wetlands is a lovely easy short walk. The concrete walkways wind through lovely native forest with views of the billabong. It is advisable to wear closed in shoes as a Keel Back snake crossed our path during a previous walk. We also watched a Darter with his long pointed bill drying his wings while perched in a tree, saw several ducks, pelicans and listened to a continuous twitter of small birds. It will be worthwhile bringing a camera and binoculars. We can have morning tea on the track and be back around lunchtime.

30 Aug 20 Sunday Mathieson's Trail, Spicer's Gap **DW S44 7am \$12**
 Departs Ipswich 7am Leader: Barbara Ph. 0439 327 899

Approximately an hour from Ipswich we head up a dirt road to the parking lot for the Governor's Chair Lookout where we will begin our walk. After a brief climb to the lookout we head back down the road to the beginning of Mathieson's Trail, stopping to look at Moss's Well and the Pioneer Graves. The trail takes us through rainforest and up Mount Mathieson where we will stop for morning tea. It then continues along the top of the ridge; back down past the old timber jinker and through some open scrub back to the car park. The walk is just over 8km in total and offers some fabulous views and varied terrain.

13 Sep 20 Sunday Enoggera Dam Circuit **DW M34 7am \$10**
 Departs Ipswich 7am Leader: Manfred Ph. 0419 390 169

This will be a very pleasant stroll following the shoreline of the dam. It is mostly flat but there are a couple of short steepish hills. We'll have Morning Tea by the water and lunch at the Brisbane Forest Park Information Centre.

20 Sep 20 Sunday Paperbark Flats Twilight Walk **HD S32 4pm \$5**
 Departs Ipswich 4pm Leader: Tiffany Ph. 0418 710 890

We'll take the White Rock multi-use trail to Bluff Point Lookout for our first viewing point and then watch the sunset at Little White Rock Lookout. We will then walk back to the cars. Torches are required to attend this walk.

27 Sep 20 Sunday Bally Mountain **DW S65 7am \$20**
 Departs Ipswich 7am Leader: Russell Ph. 3282 5534

Bally Mountain is only 490m high but is very interesting - there are several good viewpoints offering views of features such as the Cougals, part of Springbrook, Mt Warning and the Gold Coast, a razorback and even a short natural tunnel. We will go first to Little Bally and then across the saddle to Bally Mountain. The ascent starts on a very old farm road and we will pass a ruined farmhouse near the summit. The traverse across to the main peak is partly on a fairly wide razorback with some short, mild scrambling and some exposure. For the descent we'll continue west from the summit and down a short cliff break. There will be a safety rope for people who don't feel confident during the descent. Once at the base there's a well used foot pad back down to Bonogin Creek. Lunch will probably be beside pools at the base of the mountain. If people are interested we'll explore further upstream to a kind of wilderness ranch which was bought up by the City Council to add to the conservation reserve.

This outing is for experienced walkers only. If there is any rain around it will be modified or postponed because of potentially slippery conditions.

04 Oct 20 Sunday Blackbutt & BVRT **BC M33**
 Leader: Russell Ph. 3282 5534

We will be camping at the Blackbutt Showgrounds or staying at the Radnor Hotel in Blackbutt. There is also a motel just up the road if preferred. The Showgrounds have powered and unpowered sites and good facilities, just a short walk from the hotel and other food outlets in the main street. We will have dinner at the hotel on the Saturday night and possibly the Sunday night too. It has a reputation for good meals at reasonable prices. Accommodation costs are very reasonable: Camping - \$8 per person per night (unpowered), \$10 per person per night (powered); Hotel or motel - \$50 per night (single), \$80-\$90 per night (twin or double). We will be walking sections of the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail (BVRT) on Saturday afternoon, Sunday, and Monday on the way home. These are some of the best bush sections of the trail and are also the steepest (for a railway line), but the good news is that we will walk them all in the downhill direction with car shuffles.

I plan to do the Blackbutt-Benarkin section (5km) on Saturday for those who are there by about 3pm. On Sunday we will walk from Benarkin down to Linville (17km). On Monday we have a choice of Linville-Moore (7km) or Moore-Harlin (13km), depending on how much energy we have left. Check out the BVRT website for more detail on the walks. If you are interested, please plan ahead as we will need to make bookings early or we will not get in. These venues are very popular with a range of bike, caravan and 4WD groups. It should be a great weekend with fairly easy walks and a good social occasion.

CLUB NOTICES

The club subscribes to **Wild** and **Great Walks** magazines. These are available for members to borrow, either by coming to a meeting or by contacting Russell by phone or email to make other arrangements.

FIRST AID CERTIFICATE

The Club subsidises members wishing to obtain their First Aid Certificate as follows:

75% subsidy: for members who have led more than one walk (i.e. a minimum of two walks).

50% subsidy: all club members.

MEMBERSHIP FEES (Effective 1 July 2018)

Introductory (3 months) – available only once per financial year	\$5.00 p/p
General	\$20.00
Student (full time > 18 Years)	\$20.00
Family (this Membership Class defines <u>Fees only</u>)	\$10+\$10.00 p/p

PROCEDURE FOR USING THE EMERGENCY PHONE

1. The Walk Leader is to leave the Emergency Phone with a Responsible Person in Ipswich.
2. The Walk Leader texts the Emergency Phone before leaving Ipswich and advises the destination and the number of walkers.
3. The Walk Leader texts the Emergency Phone after returning to Ipswich, or if it is getting late, prior to arrival back in Ipswich.
4. If the Responsible Person has not heard from the Walk Leader by 10:00pm on the day of the walk, he/she will:
 - i. Attempt to contact the Walk Leader. If unsuccessful:-
 - ii. Contact the Police to advise that walkers are overdue and provide details. Do not wait past 11.00 pm to contact Police;
 - iii. Obtain a contact name and telephone number from the Police to be able to advise them of any messages which may be received from the walkers;
 - iv. Liaise with Police as necessary or nominate someone else to do it.
5. With the agreement of the walkers on any particular walk, item 4 may be varied by the Walk Leader. The revised arrangements must be conveyed to the Responsible Person before that walk departs Ipswich.
6. Walk participants should advise anyone who might be concerned about you returning late, to call the Emergency Phone if you have not contacted them by 8pm.
7. The Emergency Phone No. is - 0490 505 256

MEETING VENUE

Club meetings are meetings are held at the Leichardt One Mile Community Centre, 1 Denman Street, Leichardt commencing at 7.00pm.

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