

Redland Bushwalkers Inc.

2003-2023



THE Second 10 YEARS
To all our past and present members

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FOREWORD

Ted Wassenberg (Former President & Life Member)

I am grateful for the opportunity to comment on the second 10 year anniversary of the legacy left to us by Laurel Santry's initiative. The Redland Bushwalkers club has flourished during its second decade, due to the efforts of the many members some who are now retired and those who have continued on to enter the third decade. Sadly, Laurel is no longer with us to witness this transition. We have also lost a number other members during this second decade; Ruth and Bob Hartley, Mike Vose, Jean Perlin and David Westover.

You will hear of what the past Presidents and those members who have joined in the second decade have contributed. There have been social walks, a variety of day walks, multiday through walks and numerous trips to New Zealand. Activities include, kayaking, bike rides and abseiling. Despite the hiatus of the past 2 years due to the Covid pandemic, the club has been able to continue with its activities, albeit at a reduced scope. At its most restrictive, we were confined to our suburbs, this gradually extended to tens then 100's of kilometres. Interstate travel was closed for over a year. Yet we were able to organise small groups for local walks, keeping our required distances.

There have been a number of consequences and changes in our operational procedures due to the pandemic and more recently the impacts of the wet La Nina. The combination of the pandemic, the wet weather and the retirement of many of our experienced leaders has recently diminished the variety and depth of knowledge and capability. However, with the increasing membership, a vibrant younger committee and improved conditions, the legacy will continue.

Congratulations Redland Bushwalkers on reaching the second decade of operation.

Ted Wassenberg

THE PRESIDENTS

Paul Hirst

(President 2021-2023)

2021 was the year we dragged the Club kicking and screaming (well, only a few of the members!) into the digital age. But it nearly didn't happen. The 2020 Committee did a fantastic job to get \$3000 grant money from Redland City Council, contingent upon delivering online sign-up for our members. Sign-up via the Club's website had to be ditched, it cost too much. So, we had to work together to find an affordable solution before the time limit on the grant money expired (COVID had played havoc with the schedule, as it did with most things). We were just weeks away from having to hand it back to Council, an unpleasant prospect for our new Club Treasurer Selvin Croucher.

The 16th June 2021 was an auspicious day. That day our Club Secretary Colleen Merrick successfully applied for a grant extension, buying us an extra 3 months grace for committees new and old to work together to complete the project. It was also the day I used my credit card to open the Club's Meetup Group, an inspired solution for online sign up suggested by our Activity Officer Amanda Fichna. Then everything changed! Our vocabulary changed, Outings became Events, and Leaders became Hosts. Putting Events on the Club calendar changed, it became easier, taking only a few minutes (and sometimes only a few seconds using the Copy Past Event function). And most importantly, members could sign up online, without travelling to Club meetings to scrawl on pieces of paper.

It went live at the beginning of August, with the official launch scheduled for the August Club meeting (cancelled due to COVID restrictions). It was rescheduled for September, but it was already out there, and the early adopters were giving it a good road test. Concerns were raised, but Meetup is a versatile tool, and we always found a solution to those concerns. It was a steep learning curve, and it took several months and a lot of work behind the scenes to fully bed it down. What surprised me most, considering I had never heard of Meetup before starting our group, was the increased online visibility of the Club, and the influx of new members that ensued.

2021 was also the year the Club awarded its first ever Life Memberships, to founding members Laurel Santry, Rob Santry and Ted Wassenberg. Their contribution to the Club has been immense, and springing that surprise on them in front of their family, friends, and fellow members at a Club social event (organised by Laurel as she was Club Social secretary at the time) was one of the most enjoyable things I have done during my time as Club President.

There was some boring but important stuff as well. The Committee was inexperienced, often flummoxed by simple questions; "Does the Club still subsidise first aid training?"; "What's the membership fee if you join in October?". Frustrated by our inability to quickly answer these simple questions we decided to do something about it, and published a set of Club By-laws and Policies on our website to help not just us but future Committees too. This effort was greatly aided by the return of Julie Cummings to the Committee as Vice President.

2022 was the year of the big wet, it started raining in December and did not stop until the end of May. Many events were cancelled, including the 2021 Christmas Camp for the first time in the Club's history, and the disruption continued through June and July due to damaged tracks and access roads caused by the wet weather.

2022 was also tinged with sadness with the passing of 3 of our members. Laurel Santry and David Westover were inaugural members of the Club, and Jean Perlin had been a member since 2012. They are all greatly missed by their many friends at the Club.

It was a great privilege to be President of the Club during this period of transformation. It was difficult at times, but I think the changes have simplified operation of the Club to the benefit of Members, Leaders and the Committee.

Paul Hirst

Tracy Ryan
(President 2018-2021)

Way back in about 2008, then president Ted threatened to disband the club because nobody had nominated for the secretary's position at the AGM. He wasn't being mean: the club had to have a secretary to meet its legislative obligations.

I was so horrified at the thought that the club – the source of my favourite activities – might disband that I immediately stuck my hand up and lo and behold, joined my first RBW committee. Since then, I've filled several other positions on the committee, and in 2018, I became president.

And what timing. As well as the usual legacy issues (mostly around trying to get more members to take on leadership roles), we faced about the biggest issue ever: the coronavirus pandemic that began in early 2020 and is still going as I write this.

We entered a world of lockdowns, quarantining, 10km limits to movement, QR codes, physical distancing and innumerable other restrictions as the country tried to contain the virus.

For the committee, it meant online meetings and a constant struggle to make sense of the rules being imposed on clubs such as ours, even with the invaluable help of our peak body, Bushwalking Queensland. For the club members, it meant a complete ban on all club activities for most of 2020 and into 2021 because we could not meet the requirements to keep everyone safe.

To the committee's and the club members' credit, we survived with a pretty intact club.

With the benefit of hindsight, I think the committee's second biggest achievement during my presidency was starting the revamp of our website and the adoption of a platform that enabled members to manage activities online. This was the culmination of years of thought and work by previous RBW committees, but as the pandemic took hold, we realised that the wish had become a necessity – we absolutely had to have an alternative to our traditional face-to-face meetings for members to find out about and sign up for our activities. We successfully applied for a Redland City Council grant of \$3,000, which nearly paid for the creation of the website.

We created a subcommittee and, despite some teething problems in finding a web designer to create the website and online platform, we were able to work closely with the new committee to hand over the new website and online platform (Meetup) to the members in August 2021.

I think it's the sign of a good club that we can face challenges such as the pandemic and survive. There may be challenges ahead, but as long as we all work to ensure our club remains a club, we will still be around in another 20 years.

Tracy Ryan

Aaron Elsmore
(President 2017-2018)

Initial memories:

1. Attempting to finding the Indigiscapes Centre in the dark and imagining it was a test for the non-bushwalker types that don't have a headtorch on them – luckily modern technology came to the rescue and the trusty iPhone torch app got me to the entrance unscathed, where I was greeted by a sea of smiling faces and cheery banter
2. Subsequently feeling as though I was in a scene from the Hollywood movie “Cocoon”

Some of the more notable involvements:

- Discussions with council on planning for the Eastern Escarpment Conservation Area
- Trying to encourage more members to become walk leaders
- Healthy debate on managing expectations from the wide variety of walking experiences within the club

Highlights:

- My first major walking test at the club - Mt Ernest led by Ted W, where I soon found out that “walking” fit is different to any other sort of fitness level you think you may possess. The “cocoon” gang left me in their dust...
- Various abseiling experiences
- Christmas getaway at Spring Gully Stays
- Witnessing the Sunset / Moonrise from the top of Mt Warning
- Camaraderie experienced within the group

Missed out on:

- Carmel's Champagne Mystery Tour
- Mt Barney
- Girraween

Best wishes to all current and former members and I would encourage you to continue to have fun out there in the natural wonders of SE QLD and beyond and try and support the club and committee in any way that you can.

Cheers

Aaron Elsmore

Mats Andersson
(President 2015-2017)
(President 2012-2014)

My period as Club President 2015 - 2016 contained both lows and highs.

The low point was of course the tragic loss of our friends Ruth and Bob Hartley, who perished in a horror road crash outside Warwick, they are sorely missed.

The high points were many, one observation I made at the time was how the club membership (me included) had developed from the group of mainly novice bush walkers back in 2007 (when I joined) into confident adventurers. In 2015 – 2016 club members partook in a number of long-distance trips to a range of different locations such as paddling along the Murray River, Thorsborne Track on Hinchinbrook Island, The Cape to Cape in WA and the Blue Mountains. Quite a number of us had been inspired to long overseas adventures such as the Camino de Santiago, St. Cuthberts Walk, The Pyrenees, Europaweg 5, Kungsleden, Coast to Coast and The Great Wall of China. There is sure to be more, but these are the ones I remember.

However, the biggest satisfaction was leading walks to new locations. A great thanks to Richard Kolarski for his walk database filled with endless inspiration. A few club firsts from these years stand out in my memory:

Basket Swamp through walk

Mudgeeraba Creek – Springbrook Pinnacle circuit

Bally Mountain

Valley of Diamonds - Cressbrook Creek descent

Perseverance Heights

Mats Andersson

Peter Endacott
(President 2014-2015)

Our club has developed and grown extensively over the past 20 years, since its inauguration with great founding members including Laurel, recently departed and sadly missed.

Today it is with great pleasure that I note our club continues to provide a fantastic service to its current members. There is always something for everyone.

On a personal level, from being a member of the club many cherished friendships have developed and happy memories forged by a variety of great adventures had. Base camps have always been a favourite of mine and of many other members. Lots of laughter and stories shared around the campfires. From the photo competitions to the Christmas camps; from Carmel's Mystery Champagne Walks to the guest speakers at club meetings; from kayaks with Don on lakes to practice runs up the Mongrel; from Mike (dearly departed) and Kerrie's bus trips to awesome presentations from club members sharing their adventures from far and wide..... what fantastic times we've had!

The role of the President is to guide and lead the committee to meet the goals and objectives of the club. During my time spent as President and Vice President, I was ably supported by an enthusiastic team.

I think every President of the club over the years has brought to the table new ideas and concepts. As our members have aged, we now see more lower levels of arduous walks, mixed in with base camps. The level of enjoyment and camaraderie remains the same.

Thanks to our current President Paul the club has been brought up to speed with improved electronic digital communication. As we move forward, I am sure others will add further improvements to our club's activities, as we progress into the future.

It has been a wonderful journey and we all are blessed by being part of this fantastic club. I am confident the club will keep providing the great service to our members, thanks to the generous spirit, ongoing commitment, and effort of so many members.

See you on the track

Peter Endacott

Just a Reminder.....

OUR BEGINNINGS

***Laurel Santry
(President 2004-2005)***

IN THE BEGINNING THERE WAS AN IDEA!

Redland Bushwalking Club grew out of an idea one day to place an article in the local newspaper to see if anyone would like to go bushwalking. Rob and I had been keen bushwalkers from way back (starting as teenagers in the Brisbane Bushwalkers). I knew that Rob would like to get back to walking and we had tried to connect with a couple of other clubs up in the Brisbane area but really found it difficult to stay involved due to the distance to attend club meetings.

So, an article went into the local newspaper (November 2002) and a very positive response resulted. The first gathering was held at our home and about 15 people attended. I had phoned Ted Wassenberg to come along (as we knew he lived in the area, had extensive knowledge of bushwalking, had been a friend of my brother who was another keen bushwalker) also to find out whether he could be involved in helping to get this (what I thought) group of like-minded people on the road to some bushwalking. At the meeting we discussed possible walks and our first walk was mooted at this meeting (Thylogale walk at Brisbane Forest Park – December 2002).

It became evident that this was a good idea so we followed up in the new year (2003) with another article in the newspaper and a consequent meeting at Indigiscapes Capalaba. This gathering was overwhelmingly attended by about 50 people. Then we knew it was a great idea!

When we realised that there was a definite need in the area for this type of activity, we decided that we needed some more assistance in setting up a club so I called long term bushwalkers Ron Farmer and Alan Hobson (friends of my brothers also). These two people had been instrumental in a number of bushwalking initiatives (along with Ted and my brother) such as the Federation Mountain Rescue (FMR). They gave invaluable advice and assistance and attended one of the first meetings to answer questions about the possible formation of a club and what it would entail.

The rest is really history.....we just rolled on from there as the club gained momentum...numbers grew, the number and variety of activities grew, the enthusiasm grew.... it's been a great journey and has had a considerable positive impact on many of our lives.

It is an example of how great things can eventuate from a small idea!

LAUREL (and ROB)



A SELECTION OF PERSONAL STORIES FROM THE PAST 10 YEARS

We invited a few of our members that have been very active in the Club over most of the last 10 years to contribute a couple of paragraphs, and possibly a photo, of some of their highlights. We provided a following prompt questions to help jog their memories, but they could choose to ignore them if they preferred.

1. Why did you join the club?
2. What's your favourite club walk and why?
3. What's the funniest moment you have experienced
4. Which club walk have you found most challenging?
5. Which do you prefer, oceans, mountains or forests? Why?
6. What one thing your fellow bushwalkers would never guess about you?
7. Anything else you would like to say about your time with the club?

Geoff and Joan Arnell

Joan and I had been living and working on North Stradbroke Island for many years. Moving to the mainland, we found ourselves looking for a challenge we could both take part in. Seeing an article in the local paper about bushwalking, we thought we would give it a go. That started an eight-year involvement in the Club.

The first walk was an introductory "Mongrel" walk, on a very hot January day. It was exhausting and should have been our last. But no, Joan and I went on to introduce many a new member to the Club using that very same walk.

The Club offers a variety of outings including abseiling, which gave me the biggest thrill. On an abseil down Back Creek, on the last of five waterfall drops, I saw for the first time one of our experienced ladies, hanging upside down in the harness. It looked hilarious from my point of view, but I am sure it wasn't so funny for Julie.

At the Pilgrimage, based in Killarney, I nominated to go on what turned out to be the most challenging walk I was to undertake. The notice read "Kinnane's Falls via the Veranda". Well, the veranda didn't live up to its name. The ledge started off quite wide and no worries, but soon narrowed, and an overhanging rock forced a hands and knees approach. We all got there and back, but I still have memories of looking over that endless fall to the bottom.

Our time at the Club was very rewarding, meeting lots of great people, being blown away at some of the stories told around a log fire. Stepping up and taking responsibility for walks and activities, we found most rewarding. As they say you get out what you put in. I would encourage new members to step up and have a go, and that way you will get the most out of the Club.

Bea and Jacob Berger

We joined the Redlands bushwalking club because we love hiking and exploring the mountains and the bush. That gave us the incentive in 2013 to join a bushwalking club, where we would get to know other people and different walks.

Thanks to Google we found the Redlands Bushwalking Club. We attended a few introductory walks and then became members of the club. The club had a lot of walks every month and we participated in as many walks as we could, and became friends with some of the members. We learnt to navigate in the bush with the help of GPS's and it was always a great feeling when we, after hours of bush bashing came out where we aimed for. Off track walks soon became our favorites.



And would you have guessed that my scariest element is water?!

The most challenging club walk was a base camp at Lemon Tree, it was x degrees below zero. I have never been that cold in my life, my hands and feet were numb and I pulled down the icy tent and no one would tell me that we're packing up on the way back!

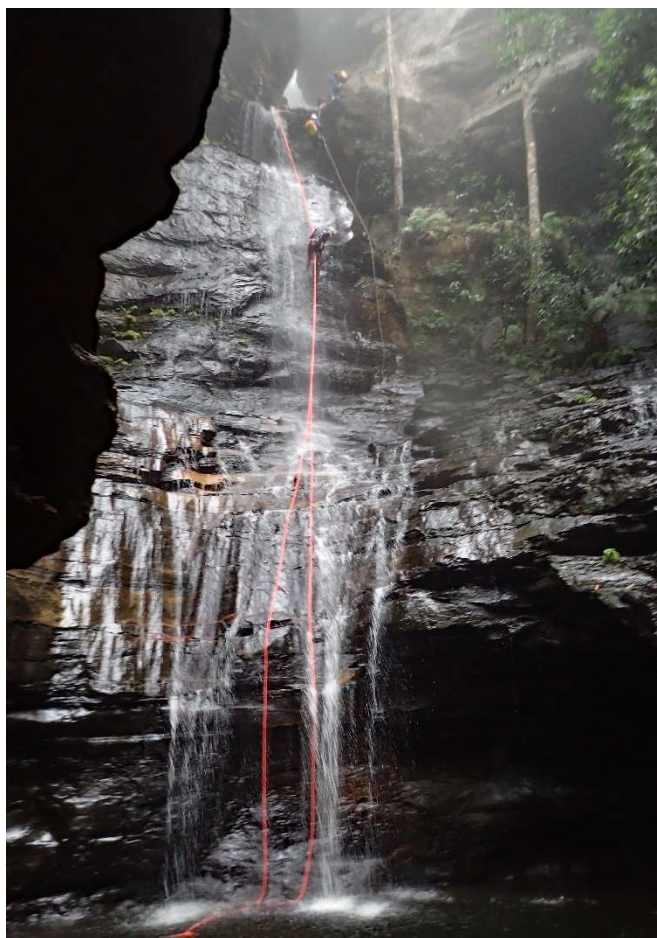
Jacob's funniest moment (or for him not so funny) was when we drove for 2 hours to start a walk and he discovered that he'd left his boots at home. Luckily, he had a pair of work boots in the car, but half way up he lost both the soles of his shoes. Believe it or not, Jacob is afraid of heights, and sometimes you can see him crawling on all fours across a razorback.

We are enjoying the activities with the club and hope will be able to continue to do so for a while yet.

Abseiling is also a forte we enthusiastically participated in. Under the guidance of our instructor, we soon picked up all the technical skills to make the activity safe and very rewarding.

The highlights with the club were the trips to the Blue Mountains, where we abseiled waterfalls, high cliffs and spectacular canyons.

Some of the most challenging moments were some of the canyons where we had to swim through in the dark or jump down small waterfalls. Also standing on top of a 200m high wall, where we are about to abseil is a memorable experience.



Monica De Leacy

I originally decided to join the club as a form of exercise and to improve my fitness in an outdoor setting. I didn't want to be stuck in a room sweating my little heart out, I wanted to be in the outdoors appreciating what nature can show me and enjoy the company of likeminded people. Joining the Redland Bushwalking Club was one of the best decisions I ever made. I met the loveliest of people, enjoyed everything the outdoors could provide, went to places I never would have on my own and did things that, although were out of my comfort zone sometimes, were challenging and gratifying.

My favourite walk was at O'Reilly's, walking through the rainforest at a leisurely pace and appreciating the beauty all around me was cleansing and refreshing; especially when I could share it with other people.

The funniest moment, that still makes me laugh, is the walk that Amanda and Malcolm took me on at Mount Cootha. It was a challenging walk for me and I can still hear Amanda saying 'it's just around the corner now', she lied!!!! Then at the end of the walk I lost my footing and tilted to the edge of the track where there was a slight drop. I hooked my arm around a small tree, did a pirouette around it and continued walking. I can still see Malcolm's stunned face at my perfectly executed recovery ha ha.

I like all types of walks, they all have their own magic to them. I am one of those people that loves looking at absolutely everything while I walk, as a consequence, I'm always at the back, but that's okay.



Trevor Davern



Some of the canyoning and abseiling locations about the Blue Mountains provided me with more challenging experiences. We visited the Blue Mountains with a club group in four successive years. Each visit was for about 2 weeks to cover many locations in the area. The photo (right) shows descending into a canyon in the Blue Mountains aptly named Serendipity!

I prefer mountains & forests because they provide experiences and enjoyment in a wide variety of environments in good company.

I have particularly enjoyed sharing all the abseiling experiences with like-minded people.

I joined Redland Bushwalkers after the club I had been in (Queensland Bushwalkers Club) dropped abseiling as an activity. I came to Redlands in 2012 where abseiling was still active.

An outing favourite has been Campbell's Folly abseil. Ted arranged access with a private owner that he knew. We would climb up to an escarpment, have some fun in a cave with a view, overlooking the valley and Palen Creek prison farm. It involved entering a small cave entrance into a cavernous area that provided different experiences descending down ropes, and exiting down across creek re-entrants. We could also zip up and do it again. The photo (left) shows the last occasion we visited Campbell's Folly in 2019.



David Rae

I am part of the minority at Redlands Bushwalkers, not living in Redlands. I was looking further afield after the bushwalking club I was a member of decided to scrap abseiling from its agenda. I loved the challenge and technicality of abseiling, having done some courses as a scout leader. RBW ticked the boxes for me - variety of walks as well as abseiling and some other outdoor pursuits such as kayaking.

Without a doubt my favourite walk is Basket Swamp multi-day walk. Following Cataract River and Basket Swamp creek provides endless stunning scenery, refreshing water holes and great camping spots beside waterfalls. Mostly I have undertaken this walk over the Easter weekend as you are guaranteed to have peace and quiet, which is getting harder to find over long weekends.



Margie often decries that I am just a big kid, as having fun is always high on my agenda. The snow trip of 2017 provided a number of funny moments as participants grappled with snow shoes and slippery slopes! I was behind Betty and Gerry when I heard "I can't move, I'm stuck!" Just when you think you have mastered snow shoes you step on the back of a snow shoe with your other one! Which means you can't go anywhere and eventually topple over taking your buddy with you! Then you have the Herculean task to try to stand up! Sliding down the slopes on mats and building an igloo were other fun filled times on this trip.



Ascending Mount Taranaki in New Zealand would be one of the most challenging walks undertaken. Being a volcano, the slopes are steep and covered in scree. Therefore, two steps up and one down. This was at 3 in the afternoon after starting that day at 7 am. Just prior to the scree we had ascended a few hundred stairs. All this with full through walking packs.



Although mountains are challenging my joints now, getting to the top of a mountain to me is exhilarating and rewarding and is what motivates me to bushwalk. Sitting at the top, looking down upon the landscapes or over to other landmarks provides such stimulus to go up, up, up ...

Much to the chagrin of some, a lot of chatter goes on whilst walking, sharing coffee or around the fire at basecamps. Therefore, I'm pretty sure many know lots about me as generally I'm not backward in expressing an opinion! But perhaps I rarely share stories about my grandchildren - I do really enjoy hanging out with them - such a different experience to when my own kids were little. Margie has told me that most times when she is talking to them on the phone, they pipe up with "where's Pop" or "what's Pop doing"? Certainly makes one feel special!

Amanda Fichna

I joined the club because I was looking for different areas to hike. I found the club's website and at that time there were a lot of off-track walks that appealed to me.

My favourite walk is Basket Swamp through walk. The scenery is spectacular, with big rock slabs and creeks, campsites beside the river and night skies that are just so beautiful, full of stars and milky ways (if you are lucky.)

The club walk I have found most challenging is anything that has drop offs, as I am drawn into the void and could easily step off, it's a constant mind game to stay on terra firma. This phenomenon is called "The call of the void" apparently its quite common.

Choosing my preference between oceans, mountains or forests is a tough one and I would say 50/50 oceans and mountains. Big mountains are exhilarating, the landscapes are beautiful. I grew up with the ocean and have swum all my life and find it hard to not be near water, we are so spoilt to have the cleanest oceans around us and to have Stradbroke Island so close is amazing.

I have been incredibly fortunate to have walked with some amazing people and with leaders who have been generous with their navigation skills and time, to take me into areas that I would never have been able to walk in without their skills.



MEMORABLE OUTINGS

Mystery Champagne Walks – Carmel Cash

Over the 10 years this social activity was a great success. First year there were 9 members and 2 guests. January 2021 the numbers had increased to 53+ members and guests.

Always planned for the 3rd Sunday after the club's meeting in January, members would meet at the Cleveland railway station, while only knowing the railway station to meet the leader, Carmel. Then the plan for the walk and destination would be revealed. It was always along the Brisbane River where access by the CityCat service would take members close to the railway line for their return to Cleveland.

There was plenty of laughter, the opportunity to renew friendships both present and past plus meet new members.



A couple of twists added to the adventures over the years. 25 members awaiting at the Cleveland station, an announcement came over loud and clear.... The train to town could not be found... lots of phone calls along the line, causing a minor delay to the starting time.

January 2012. Mother Nature gave us a spectacular display as we arrived at Mowbray Park. Quickly we had to scurry for cover under the CityCat terminal. Massive cracks of thunder, lightning, wind and heavy rain, while hats and brollies joined the folly. She managed to dampen the scene while the flow of champagne could be seen as we continued to enjoy the best of the situation. As a matter of fact, this Sunday has been etched into members memories while laughing, as they still recall their story of that Special day.

Then the Invader... Covid!!! It did conspire to lock us down on our planned first attempt for January 2021. Day 1 Covid Won!! Not to be disheartened, a week later the new day was proclaimed to bring on the celebrations for the 10th Mystery Champagne Day.

Over the years this event couldn't have been possible without the help from members of different committees, happy helpers, the day prior preparing all the delicious nibbles. Non walkers holding destination tables, men, women & guests unpacking the supplies, setting up tables, helping with the repacking of the car, cleaning up the site when the day drew to a close.

Thank You!!

One and all, it was a pleasure to plan, organise and watch members and guests come together to celebrate the commencement of each year with our Redland Bushwalkers Club.

Christmas Camps – Hilary Davern

Christmas has always been celebrated with a base camp. The first couple of years were held at Mt Warning, and later at Imbil. Denise and John Kolzce suggested Spring Gully Stays, at Sarabah a stones throw from Canungra.



This has proved a great venue on many counts – proximity to the Redlands, great undercover area with benches and table, many bushwalks to choose from, Safari tents for those who don't camp, hot showers and a sparkling creek to swim in, to name a few of its advantages.

For the Club's 10th Anniversary we went back to Mt Warning, it rained and the only walk we could do was Mt Warning.... this made us appreciate Spring Gully's facilities.

With slight variations each year depending on the organiser/s, those who arrive early on Friday afternoon take care of the

decoration of our communal area. We share nibbles & drinks before cooking our own dinners.

On Saturday morning there'll be several walks on offer, nothing too strenuous so we can be back for afternoon tea and more nibbles and drinks before dinner, which is a communal affair.

Over the years we have had an assortment of entertainment, a couple of times we've enjoyed dancing to a bush band. In the main our entertainment has been home-made. We started with having a Father Christmas to give out our secret Santa presents, but soon ran out of members willing to have someone sit on their knee!



To list a few, we've had hat competitions, tent decorating competitions, Name the bottom and feet competitions, pin the whistle on the bushwalker, quizzes, many games of various degrees of silliness & skill, Games from yesteryear like hopscotch, skipping & pass the parcel.

One particularly memorable year involved Laurel, Betty, Philip Fryer, Tracy and myself – thanks to Laurel's musical skills, Betty's Bears accessory sewing and Tracy's narration we performed Goldilocks & the Three Bears. Phil made a wonderful Goldilocks, Laurel Father Bear, Betty Mother Bear and myself (Hilary Davern) Baby Bear, the sound effects we'd planned were never quite in sync thanks to the technician making an early start to their wine – added much to the amusement of our audience.



It's a perfect weekend for catching up with friends we haven't seen for a while. Where members who enjoy different levels of walking can come and spend time together and share stories of their various adventures in the bush.



2022 (photo courtesy of Jacob Berger)

Abseiling – Ted Wassenberg

Abseiling, the practice of safely descending a cliff face or waterfall has been a popular pastime within our club. During the recent 10 years there have been over forty outings with six of them being multiday trips ‘canyoning’ in the Blue Mountains.

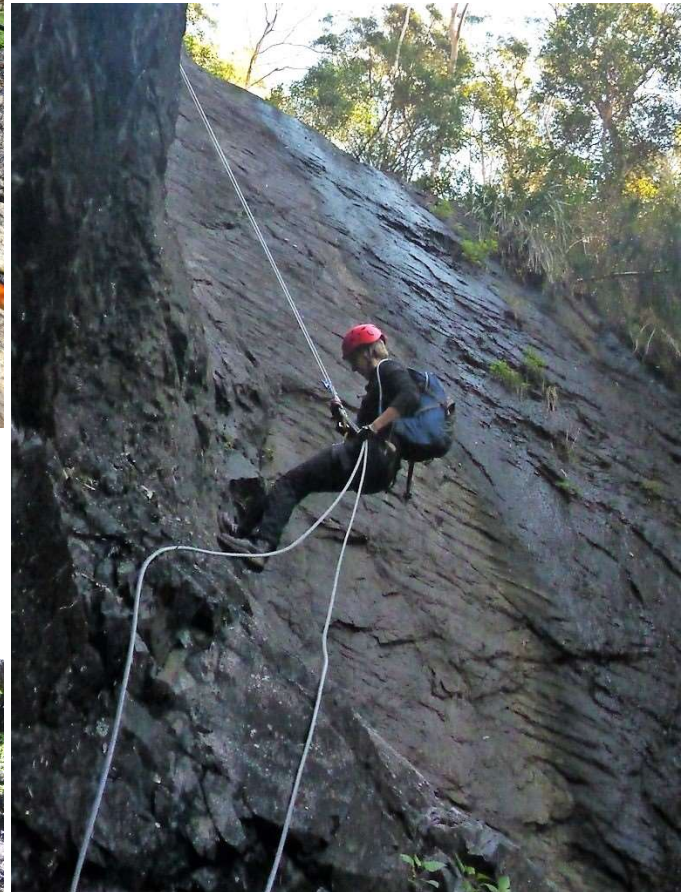


Another favourite was Back Creek with 6 trips (below). This trip had a series of five waterfalls. Some required us to swim off the end of the rope as we landed in a pool. Sadly, this trip was closed off around 2017 due to access issues through private land.



We have always done our own training, although some members have participated in FMR sessions out at Murphy’s Creek run by Phil Box. We have had training sessions each year at Kangaroo Point (left). Our skilled trainers, Judy, Betty, Hilary, Trevor and I have participated in these sessions and taken our members from beginner through to them being able to self-rescue.

The most frequented outing has been to East Barney Falls (below). This trip required us to abseil over a sequence of seven waterfalls with rock hopping and scrambling between each waterfall. The abseils ranged in height from 8m to 50m.



Campbell Folly (3 trips) was interesting in that it involved abseiling into a cave and then exiting down a 20m deep cleft to walk out of the bottom.

Watsons Creek (3 trips) involved a three pitch abseil, each into a pool and then a steep climb back out of the gorge.

The abseils off Mezzanine Ridge on Mt Barney into Garv’s Gorge required a bit of rock-climbing skills as

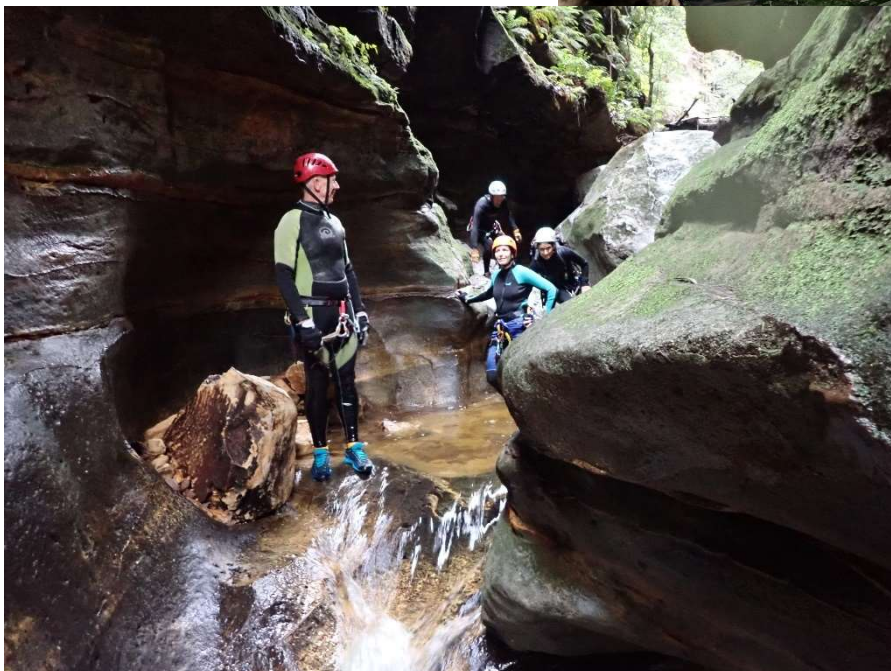
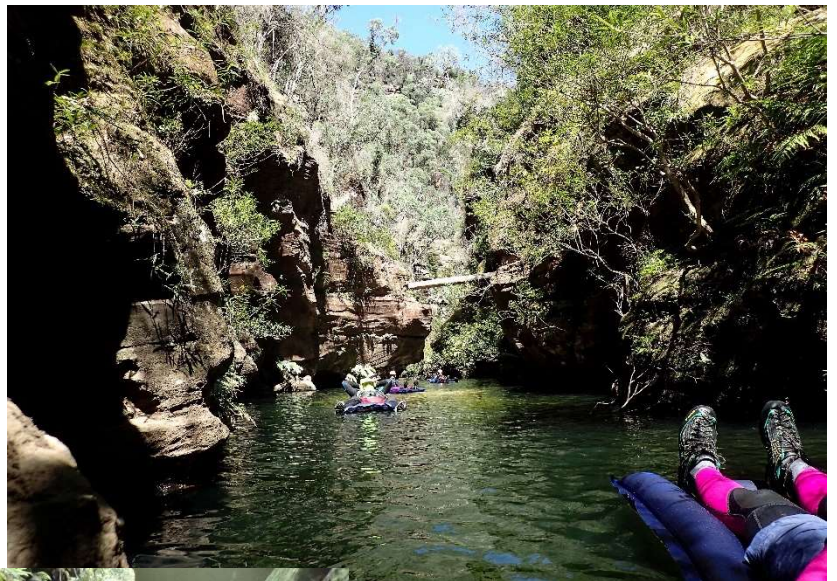
this ridge is a very narrow razor back. We have only done this trip twice in the past 10 years. It is also a three pitch drop but is very scrubby and required a scramble out of the bottom of the gorge.



A fortuitous meeting between Betty, Hilary and Roger Williams on Fraser Island opened up the many canyons in the Blue Mts to our members. Roger had been a teacher in Sydney and had years of canyoning experience. He joined our club and led us on three trips to the Blue Mts (left and below).

There have been only two training sessions since the end of 2019; one Blue Mts. trip, one East Barney Falls trip and recently a Nundubbermere abseil trip. The Covid pandemic 2020 and the subsequent rain events of 2021-22 have prevented me from running abseil trips to the various

waterfalls. Also, a number of our experienced members have retired due to injuries or personal reasons. Hopefully, conditions will improve soon to enable this activity to continue into the next decade.



Moreton Island Base Camps - Biannual Excursions 2009 – 2019 – Carmel Cash

Moreton Island (Mulgimpin) National Park lies almost on our doorstep, and I believe this trip was a first for our club back in October 2009. It was a huge success and it became an affordable activity for many members. Alan Gennings, owner and operator of the Moreton Island Experience, had a permanent camp established at Blue Lagoon Commercial site nestled in at the back of the sand dunes. There he had well-positioned large tents, a massive outdoor kitchen, plus his 4 x 4 Bus to transport us around the Island.



Alan's passion was invaluable in helping us plan our activities with the tide times, transporting us to the start point of our walks, and pickups at the end. Alan's enthusiasm, knowledge and passion for the Island's fauna, flora and cultural heritage was infectious to the point where some members volunteered to help over two weekends when there was a large oil spill affecting the island beaches, dunes and grasses, with many oil covered items strewn along the coast line.

Many memorable weekends were spent being involved with all that was on offer plus at the end of each day's walk there was the opportunity to lend a hand in the kitchen, sit and enjoy

each other's company, or walk to the top of the sand dunes to take in the setting sun while enjoying a well-earned toast to the magic day's activities.

Our 2021 planned August weekend had to be cancelled due to a sudden Covid lockdown. This was very disappointing as the weekend was planned to coincide with the Redlands Show Day Holiday. Another date was rescheduled in September. Unfortunately, this had to be cancelled as Alan became unwell needing to be admitted into hospital.

After many years of planning and organising this special club's activities Carmel decided to pass this activity on to Paul Hirst our Club's President. His first planned weekend was organised for September 5th to the 8th 2022 with thirteen club members. Unfortunately, this planned trip had to be aborted as Alan had received notice that he had to remove his established camp with only 14 days' notice or risk a significant fine, and in future operate with temporary camps. With heavy heart, my belief is that it's going to be quite difficult for Alan to meet the conditions imposed on his camp, thus it appears our members will NO longer be able to enjoy the weekend they so looked forward to over the last 10 years.



Alan deserves a very "Special" Thank You from our club and members who had the opportunity to experience Alan's passion and enthusiasm for Moreton Island.

The Pilgrimages – Betty Murray

It all started when a group of Bushwalkers from the Brisbane Bushwalkers Club went on a walk up Mt Barney sometime before 1970. They then decided to hold another “pilgrimage” up Mt Barney the following year. As the numbers grew Bushwalking Qld took on the task of organising the first official Pilgrimage at Girraween in 1971. Since then, various affiliated clubs have organised the Pilgrimage on behalf of BWQ every year with a Covid hiatus in 2020 & 2021.

Redland Bushwalkers Club hosted two very successful Pilgrimages at Bigriggen in 2005 and at Canungra in 2012 and our club always has a keen group attend the yearly events, and in the last 10 years our members have attended Pilgrimages at:

Year	Location	Club	Date
2022	Crows Nest	Toowoomba Bushwalkers	19-21 Aug
2021	Cancelled due to Covid19		
2020	Cancelled due to Covid19		
2019	Camp Laurence on Moogerah Dam	Bushwalking Queensland	27-30 Sep
2018	Jimna	Glasshouse Bushwalkers Club & Sunshine Coast Bushwalking Club	28 Sep-1 Oct
2017	Killarney	YHA Bushwalkers Qld Inc. & Brisbane Catholic Bushwalkers	8-10 Sep
2016	Baden Powell Camp - Samford Valley	Brisbane Bushwalkers Club	29-31 Jul
2015	Kalbar	Queensland Bushwalkers Club	14-16 Aug
2014	Camp Laurence on Moogerah Dam	GCBC and BOSQ	5-7 Sep
2013	Girraween	Toowoomba Bushwalkers Club	13–15 Sep

This year (2022) Toowoomba Bushwalkers hosted a wonderful Pilgrimage weekend at Crows Nest Show Grounds. The creeks were flowing, the sun was shining and the wildflowers were in full bloom as we walked in new areas with interesting leaders, socialised with people from other clubs and even put on our dancing boots for the Bush dance.



It's traditional that the last official activity at every Pilgrimage is the Handing over of the Boot to the Club who will be organising the following Year's Pilgrimage. This year (2022) the President of Toowoomba Bushwalkers handed over the Boot to Brisbane Bushwalkers.

Pilgrimages are not only fun to attend but are very important for keeping in contact with other clubs, learning what new things they are implementing and how they cope with today's challenges. We will probably meet our new friends on the track soon and it will be delightful to see them.

Adventures Across the Ditch – Leah Stephens

Matemateaonga Track (Feb/March 2013)

Early in 2013, a group of eight Redland Bushwalkers made a trip to New Zealand's north island, organised by Mike Vose and Carmel Cash.



We stayed for a few nights at Mike's family's farm 'Bothwell' and explored the nearby Nikau Caves, before tackling the 5 day Matemateaonga Track through Whanganui NP. This 43km track follows old Māori trails and the original Whakaihuvaka Rd built in 1911, now abandoned and a well-graded walking trail with basic but comfortable DOC huts to stay in. On Day 5 we walked out to the Whanganui River, and completed our trip with a jet-boat ride and a challenging canoe paddle back to Pipiriki.

We had a couple of extra excursions in the following days with a day walk over the spectacular Mt Tongariro pass, a visit to Huka Falls and to the historically interesting Karangahake Gorge.

The eight 'trampers' were Mike Vose, Carmel Cash, Wayne Porter, Leisa Harris, Narelle Balnave, Teresa and Pedro Carvalho and Leah Stephens.



Great Barrier Island and Cape Brett (March 2014)

Only a year after the Matemateaonga trip, Mike and Carmel had already organised another adventure on New Zealand's north island. This time Mike and Carmel were joined by Wayne Porter, Leisa Harris, Leah Stephens, Peter and Lynn Endacott and Sandy Batton.

Again, we stayed overnight at Bothwell Farm, before travelling north and hitching a ride on Mike's family's boat across the water to Great Barrier Island.



We did a 4 day walk, staying in DOC huts and lodges, followed by a driving day around the island. The highlight for me was the overnight in Mt Heale DOC hut with the most spectacular views over virtually the whole island.



After Great Barrier Island we travelled on north to the Bay of Islands, and walked out to Cape Brett Lighthouse to spend a night in the former light-housekeepers cottage, now a DOC hut. It was a beautiful setting with vast water views and the sunset and sunrise were just magical. Another fabulous New Zealand adventure!



Lake Waikaremoana and Coromandel Peninsula (March 2018)

Mike Vose had the initial inspiration for Lake Waikaremoana, but unfortunately his health was declining by 2018, and Carmel Cash took over the leadership for this next adventure. She was joined by Wayne Porter, Leah Stephens, Peter and Lynn Endacott, Soraya Soukieh, Tish McHatton and Margie Hayler.

Lake Waikaremoana lies southeast of Rotorua, in the protected region of Te Urewere. The 46km track is one of three Great Walks on New Zealand's north island, takes 4 days and follows a semicircle around the lake with boat transfers to the start and from the end.



The views from Panekire Bluff on the first day were spectacular, the huts on day 2 and 3 were well situated next to the lake for a chilly end of day dip, and although there were some very muddy tracks to negotiate, the New Zealand native forest was lovely.



After completing the Lake Waikaremoana walk, we headed north to the Coromandel Peninsula, a highlight being several nights in beautiful Fletcher Bay exploring some local tracks along the coastline. Another wonderful NZ adventure with this great group of RBW friends.

A Malcolm Story? – Published anonymously June 2014 edition of Ramble On

Point Pure May 2014 – Leader: Mats Andersson

A long, long time ago, in a far-away land of Vikings and trolls, there lived a man and woman called ANDERSSON and everything in their world was good.

And they begat a son and they named him Mats in the hope that he would one day become like a famous tennis player, but it was not to be and that was not so good.

And Mats took unto himself a bride, she named Marika, a goodly woman.

And they departed thence from Sweden and in time washed up on the shores of Australia, and that was good.

And they begat two girl children who, for much of the time, were good.

And they found their way to the Redlands, where all things good end up.

And Mats became a famous walks leader and his name it spread throughout the land and that seemed good.

And he took to leading less than easy walks in the Glen Rock region (up behind Gatton) and lots of people thought that was good.

And in May 2014 he took Jillian, Alison, Beatrice, Tracy, Judy, Nigel, David and Malcolm on yet another adventure to Point Pure. All still good.

But that band of followers were sore afeared as they had been with Mats before when it was not so good.

Yet loyalty to their leader drove them to follow closely, except for one, the cunning Malcolm—that was not too good, either.

Malcolm remembered his last venture to that region where he was forever used as a “human bridge” to cross huge patches of raspberries, nettles and the like and this time he chose to loiter at the rear—the others thought it was because he was old and lame—still not good.

And a thing most strange was that the path oft followed in the footsteps (and fresh cow pats) of wild beasts with horns and although it was not fully understood it was viewed that this may or may not be an omen of good.

But on and on they went and up and up they rose and over false crest after false crest they trudged until a wondrous lunch site was reached and that was truly, truly good.

But dwindling time and lack of water soon did drive them on.

And verily did Mats set a thunderous pace smiting mighty bushes and fearful weeds that did intrude into the path that he and his disciples trod.

And at last, the mighty leader did strike the ground and there did spring forth a crystal fountain and a water fall of the purest water for the disciples to fill their gourds.

“Oh my gourd” quoth one “I am most refreshed, this is truly good”.

And with one mighty last leap Mats did lead them to the top of Mt Pure, named after the purest of them all (dunno who that was) and it was a wondrous campsite with wondrous views which were very, very good.

And the ground was as flat as flat and the grass was soft and lush and the earth bore no hardness save for a few loose rocks to be used as peg hammers and the gloaming was truly good.

And after evening ablutions the group set up their wee cooking stoves and then commenced the usual pre-dinner hors d’oeuvres with conversations of character assassination, euthanasia, colonoscopies, medical procedures, grumpy people, murders and the like and that bit was really good.

And the night it was still and nothing did move—no weeing possums, thumping kangaroos, howling dingo’s or screeching owls and the temperature was mild for most and for those that love to sleep on the ground, all was good.

Some snored, some farted, some turned over in the night but when sleeping starts on darkness it can’t be perfect but it can be good.

And when they broke camp at 07.38 and a half, (the ghost of Ted), Mats led his disciples again into the wilderness and they didst follow a ridge or two then down a gully then across a creek and up yet another rise for more views that were good.

And Nigel took to gathering green cape gooseberries and he, alone, thought that it was good.
And then they started down the hill and it was sore, oh so sore long and sore steep especially
as the legs were oh so sore. That bit was not so good
And on one of the many near vertical downhills the Lord above, helped maybe by a woman of
no name, set to rolling a 500kg stone upon the walkers down below and that was far from
good.
But Judy shrieked out "ROCK" and that was good.
And Jillian got another scratch and a u-beaut hematoma that was going to be good.
And David, he of the regal biblical name, managed to hide most of his body and big pack
behind the one tree and that too, was good.
And after the missile had safely passed, Mats kindly asked if all heart rates had returned to
normal and when most replied "yes", he said that it was good.
And it was agreed that the now angry cow that had likely taken a direct hit from the said rock,
down in the valley way below, would probably not be so good.
So, Mats led them on until the valley was plumbed and after lunch and with loins a-girded he
led them on and on for hours and hours at break neck speed into the hot afternoon sun until
the cars were reached and everybody fled to Maccas for coffee and then went home as fast as
they could drive. Phew... that was the really, really good bit

Hinchinbrook Island – Leah Stephens & Malcolm Thomson

August 8th – 16th 2015

Party - Bev, Carmel, Kerrie, Leah, Malcolm, Mike, Soraya and Wayne

Mike and Carmel had yet another bright idea after the first two New Zealand trips... the next multi-day hike for our group of RBW friends would be the Thorsborne Trail on Hinchinbrook island, off the coast of Cardwell in far north Queensland. The following is adapted from Malcom Thomson's original report...



It all began in March when Mike sent out an “Expressions of interest” email. I can’t speak for all but my acceptance was immediate. Hinchinbrook has been on my bucket list for at least 30 years. The State Government allows only 40 walkers on the island at any one time. Open fires are not permitted, and the only facilities on the island are a small handful of composting toilets and big steel boxes at each camp ground. The steel boxes are where one learns very quickly to deposit all foodstuffs. The island is inhabited by a couple of

hungry native species – the white tailed rat (big) and millions of fawn-footed melomys (small). Hard to see but they sure do scuttle about after dark as they look for any Mars Bars you may have forgotten in a pocket somewhere.

So there followed a flurry of meetings and millions of emails. We discussed all sorts of things including how to cook fish over a small gas stove without coals, alfoil, oil etc. This topic came up because some fool thought we could live off the land by catching fish. Some of us had not camped out for many years, some of us had no modern camping gear to start with, and most of us had never done a six day through-walk where one has to carry everything on one’s back.

In essence, we flew north to Cairns, bussed south to Lucinda, water-taxed north (in a leaking boat) to the starting point on the island, walked south for six days, water-taxed further south to Lucinda,



bussed north to Cairns and flew south to Brisbane. Our campsites on the island from north to south were at Nina Bay, Little Ramsay Bay, Zoe Bay (two nights), and Mulligans Falls.

The walking itself comprised spending a few hours each day moving from one camp site, crossing a pink granite ridge or two and a rocky headland to take in the views to reach the next camp site. All but one was right on the beach. We had brilliant sunshine, not too hot or cold, very little wind and no rain. We almost got tired of watching perfect sunrises and sunsets. We did get two good feeds of oysters, and did I mention the crocodiles? No? Well, we did not see one despite the dire warnings. It is not something I usually do when washing up after dinner but the constant scanning of the immediate area with my headlamp looking for floating logs with red glowing eyes almost gave me a cricked neck. We did see quite a few croc cousins – goannas.



We didn't take on the usual putrid odor of "the great unwashed" as every day we got to bathe in freshwater pools. Deep, cool, waterfall-fed havens for both humans and large dewy-eyed jungle perch (fish) looking for a dropped biscuit or two.

We had plans to maybe climb Mt Straloch to see the Liberator B24 crash site (1942) on day 7 but the pulling power of the Lucinda pub was too strong once we could see it so the script was tossed out, and we grabbed the first ferry to come back.

Original Report – Malcolm Thomson

Photos - Leah Stephens

'A Nice Stroll' – Leah Stephens

A memorable through-walk in Sundown NP, October 2016

Participants - Mats, Ted, Judy, Julie, Tracy and Leah

When I asked about this upcoming through walk at the club meeting, they said 'Oh yes, it's a nice stroll, not too difficult... we walk to the river, rock-hop across and follow it until we get to the falls, cross back and just follow the river, zig-zagging across it a couple of times, head up a side gorge and walk back out beside the waterfall.'

'Sounds good!' I said, 'Sign me up!'



It was a beautiful sunny Saturday when we left the cars at the old homestead site, walked towards the river and set up camp in a grassy paddock. When we went to fill up our water bottles however, we did notice there seemed to be quite a lot of water in the river, and we wondered what the next day might bring.

My first newbie mistake was to bring my summer sleeping bag (it was smaller!... and lighter!... and fit so nicely in my pack!), and as we woke up to frost on the tents on Sunday morning, I was really very

cold and hurried to cook up my breakfast.

We set off and came to our first river crossing where we were met with thigh-deep water, and my second mistake was to grab a dead branch that broke, dumping me in the water. As I struggled to my feet, my hiking pole was swept away never to be seen again. My third mistake was to bring only one hiking pole... lesson learnt for subsequent through-walks! The next wade-through also saw another walker fall in and lose a pole. We soon dried out in the sun and were impressed at the full flow of water in Nundubbermere Falls.



Then, with the second campsite on the other side of the river, we had to find a place to cross. Ted suggested we swim across at the widest point where the current was not so strong. 'Swim? Ha ha' I thought... and soon realised he wasn't joking. The next lesson for this newbie was that to swim a pack across a river you put your rain cover on and float it upside down within, pushing it as you swim beside... that was a technique I had not needed to know on previous track walks!

Red Rock Creek campsite is not usually an island, but that weekend it was, and we spent the evening drying out gear and swatting mosquitoes.

This was Mats observation about the next morning from his original report... *'The Monday started with an ominous sign that it would be an extraordinary day. For those not doing throughwalks, the never-before-broken rule is that Ted is up at the crack of dawn and Tracy is always last. This time when I poked my head out of my tent Tracy (!) had already packed and was ready to go. This is a unique event.'*

It started to rain as we clambered up the gorge, and it was slippery and slow going. When we got close to Red Rock Falls, we were amazed to see water thundering over the edge. The way out was right up against the waterfall and was now drowned by the amount of water coming down! Ted picked out an alternative path, and as I looked up at the near-vertical route with a heavy waterlogged pack, I thought 'Hmmpf' (or something along those lines!). As we climbed upwards, Tracy and Mats reassured me that once we got to the top, it was going to be an easy stroll from there following the 4WD tracks back to our cars. Tracy and I started to discuss the egg-and-bacon burgers we would have for dinner on the way home.

However,... the 4WD track soon turned into a creek, and then a torrent of flowing water, and we waded across knee-deep, then thigh-deep crossings until we came to waist-deep and decided it was too dangerous to continue. We ended up scrub-bashing over a ridge on a compass bearing to get back to the cars, nine hours of solid walking and climbing after leaving camp. 'Hooray!' we said... 'We made it!'

However,... Sundown had one more curve-ball for us. After changing into dry clothes and heading out of the national park, we found our exit blocked by yet another flooded creek, and we had no option but to settle back and wait for the next 4 hours for it to subside, with a few leftover grapes instead of the dreamt-of burgers!

It was quite a memorable adventure!

Would I do it again? ... Probably!

(And the next time someone tells me 'It's just a stroll', I may just take that with a grain of salt).

Leah Stephens.

The Great Scenic Rim Walk of 2019 - Malcolm Thomson

17th August - 3rd September 2019

18 days, 256km, 13,400m of elevation gain, 1.7 km/hour average walking speed

In 2019 four Redland Bushwalkers Club members completed one of the toughest of walks. Marika Andersson, Gerry Burton, Judy Moody-Stuart and Bob Stephens. A fifth starter, Graham Riddell, had to drop out, injured, on day four. They completed 256km and 13,400m of elevation gain in 18 days (Note: The top of Mt Everest is 8849m above sea level and from the Base Camp there is an elevation gain of 3485m)

It all began with a thought bubble

(Note to Ted 16/3/2018)

"I have recently had some sort of brain snap and started wondering about a Redland Bushwalkers Relay from Laidley Gap to Coolangatta". From that one sentence, like Topsy, it grew and grew. I have an email folder of 777 items and 258mb on my hard drive.

Correspondence flew back and forth, meetings were had, sub-committees formed, graphs, maps, spreadsheets, heaps of coffee consumed and thousands of kilometers driven. You name it, it happened, and the call to arms brought a plethora of responses: -

- *Oh, so you are bloody serious, I thought you were having a lull of me*
- *I love a man with a big plan*
- *Yawn, heading to bed - it sounds to me like a great idea for the club to take on though*
- *Will show to XXX and get back to you! Glad you are getting this going*
- *Food for thought. Sounds ambitious but with the support of our members, Redland Bushwalkers can achieve anything!*
- *Can't wait to do the section towards Tweed Trig!!!*
- *Sounds good I would like to do some part of the walk.*
- *Well I've got a battery powered saw, chainsaw and a whipper snipper.... they should fit in the backpack alright!*
- *I think you'd have more luck with a "go-fund-me" page!*
- *Greetings from Nepal, Namaste - Keep dreaming*
- *I'll be there but N is in UK and I will remain po-faced all day.*
- *I've been working on my semaphore and smoke signals.*
- *It should read a little more excitedly e.g. 'once in a life time'....'never been done before'....'unique opportunity'....'do before you die' haha! I can do early morning humour too.*
- *Depending on the dates, I would be interested in doing the entire walk, or selected through walk sections.*
- *have just received the first sign-on for the entire walk!*
- *I'm opting out of these meetings as I have to wash my hair on these nights*
- *I hope you get a lot of backing, this idea is brilliant.*
- *Bring secateurs for each hand and appropriate body armour.*
- *Sounds like it's all coming together!! Looking forward to hearing more about the plans.*
- *I have added my "yes" to the spreadsheet.... I am happy to make a slice or chop up some fresh fruit etc.....*
- *Let's get this straight right now, I am NOT touching anyone's feet!!! Not sure about succour – sounds a bit rude.*
- *Will this Great Walk become an annual or biennial event in the future as we will have ALL the infrastructure in place?*
- *Big chunks of unknown to me in there but they have maps, gps, big hearts and thick skins so will prevail.*

An Expressions of Interest was created: -

The Mission: For all the members of Redland Bushwalkers Inc. to be involved in a continuous, Club-supported walk of the Scenic Rim high country from Gatton to Coolangatta (approximately)

I am interested in doing.....

Name	Phone Number	Entire walk	Selected through walks	Day Walks only	Respite Projects	Catering Events	Car Driving	Promotion And Recording	Ration Drops	Phone me to discuss

Glossary

The entire walk	To walk uphill and downhill for 15 or more days without leaving the route except, maybe, to water a tree
Selected through walks	Walk one or more sections of the entire walk involving an overnight stop on each section.
Day walks only	Do selected sections as a day walk - could be useful to take supplies to those doing through walks.
Respite projects	<i>RESPITE - a short period of rest or relief from something difficult or unpleasant. "the refugee encampments will provide some respite from the suffering"</i> (Wikipedia) It is expected that First-aid may be needed for things like thorns through a foot, broken limbs and leeches on an eyeball and hot showers for the smelly sounds good. Replacement bootlaces or dry shirt anyone?
Catering events	There will probably be a "send-off" for walkers from Gatton and "welcome-to-the-beach" at Coolangatta. These gatherings may have BBQs etc so cooks will be required along with those expert in erecting flashy tents, tables etc and making salads and buttering buns. Similar events could be held en-route.
Car driving	There will be numerous opportunities for tired walkers to be picked up and fresh ones to be dropped off. For example, a day trip for you to Warwick could include dropping a carload of walkers at Cunningham's gap.
Promotion and recording	This is as broad as it is long. The entire event needs to be promoted for the benefit of the Club and be recorded for posterity. If you know someone in the Redlands Council who could lend us a big tent, someone who wants to put photos of us in the local press, owns a drone to take those brilliant aerial shots of someone on a mountain top, manages a relevant caravan Park, hires out port-a-loos cheaply.... need I go on?
Rations drops	This is what it sounds like. Volunteers to take water, food, gas, charged batteries into those areas where car drivers cannot get. Will no doubt involve some hard day walks into wild areas.
Phone me to discuss	You have some brilliant ideas that have not yet been mentioned and you have or have access to special skills

Quote of the decade: -

When I suggested a recce around Nungulba, the nastiest part of the Lamington jungle, I got this reply....

".... Have checked my diary and am ready to go to hell on Tuesday"

(Gerry Burton)

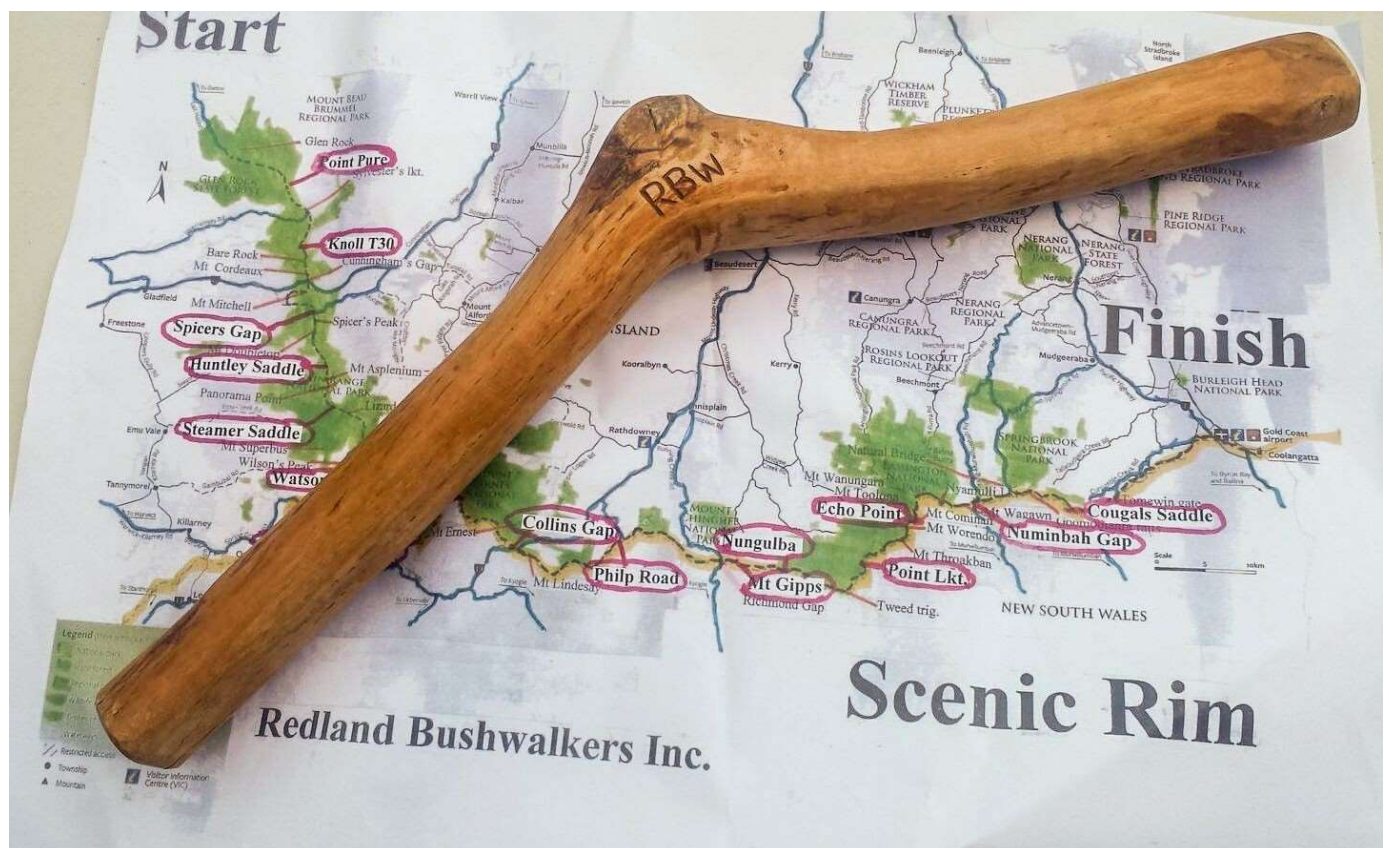
And the walk got under way: -

"I would like to acknowledge the Yugambeh and Jagerra language groups of people who are seen as the traditional custodians of this region. The Redland Bushwalkers pay their respect to the Mununjali, Wanggeriburra and Ugurapul family groups, both past and present, through whose lands we walk. We also extend that respect to other indigenous people who may be present."

(Malcolm 17/8/2019)

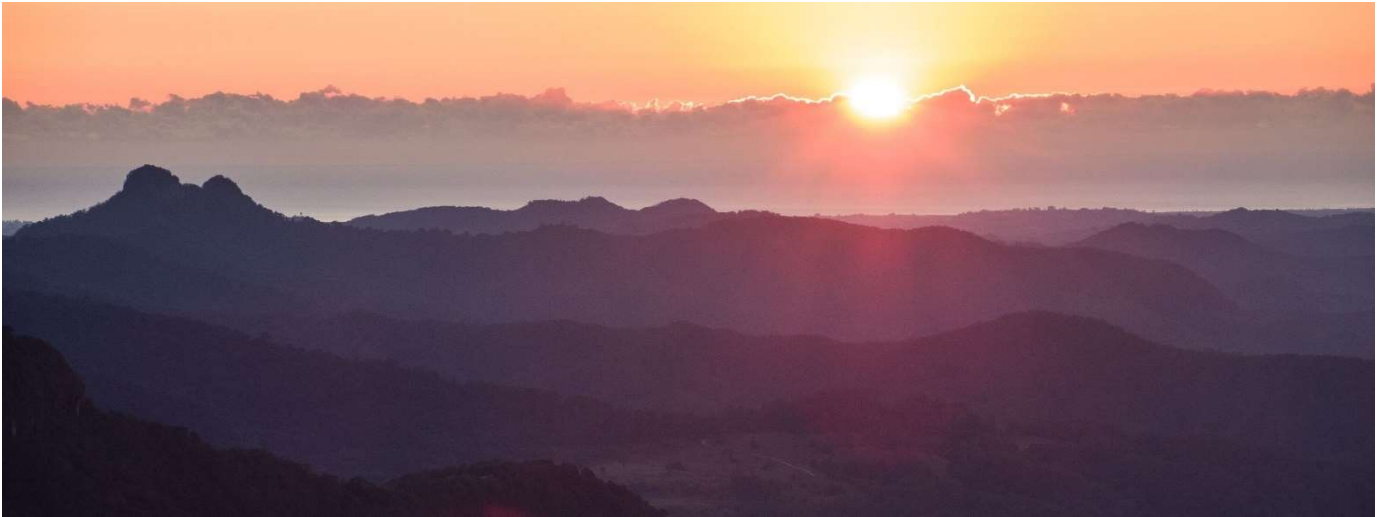
"We wish you all the best on this historic adventure and we hope that you turn up fit and well on Tugun beach in 18 days time. I extend my utmost thanks to all of the Club members that have put heart and soul into planning this walk for some 18 months. To my knowledge, no group of this size and composition has ever attempted this walk from Gatton to the beach. You have the opportunity to make history. Do us proud. As a symbol of our teamwork I hand to you a relay baton that has been in the Club for 14 years. I ask that you give it back to me when you get to the Pacific Ocean. Away you go."

(Malcolm 17/8/2019)



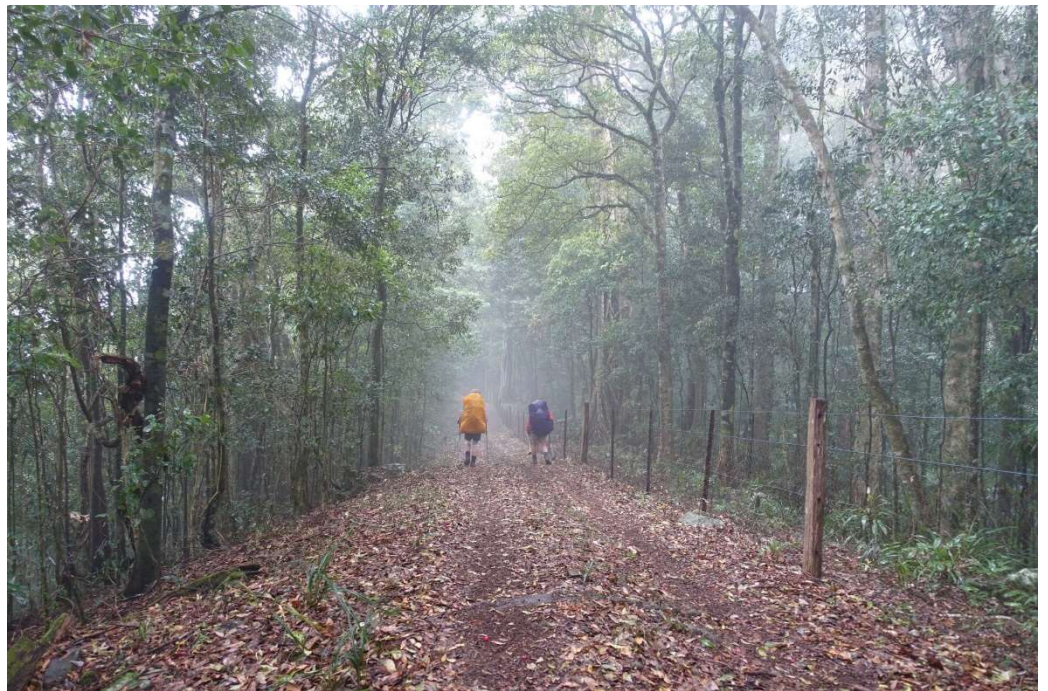
The daily grind: -

Read Bob Stephen's trip diary – available on the Club's website



Above: A Stunning sunset

Right: On the trail – an easy bit, of which there was not a lot!



Left: The End – on the beach at Tugan

The ultimate accolade: -



The Scenic Rim Traverse Hall of Fame

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By  RYAN · June 19, 2019 · 6 comments



The idea of the Scenic Rim was first conceived by Arthur Groom, founder of Binna Burra Lodge. He conceptualised a trail which would enchain the peaks and escarpments of the Main and Macpherson Ranges, along which comfortable mountain huts could be found at respectable intervals. The huts never eventuated, but nevertheless, the idea of the Scenic Rim took hold.

Much of the region is now gazetted in National Parks, and although some pockets have been tamed, the Scenic Rim remains a bastion of wilderness in an otherwise altered landscape. Sandwiched between urban sprawl and vast agricultural plains, it spans from the Mistake Mountains all the way to Springbrook Plateau. Although narrow, this arc of mountains can often feel truly remote.

As a matter of disambiguation, the Scenic Rim [Trail](#) and the Scenic Rim Traverse are two different beasts. The former is a glamping experience run by Spicers Retreat, so if you expect hot showers, gourmet meals and nightly foot rubs on the Scenic Rim Traverse, you're in for a shock. The Scenic Rim Traverse plunges deep into the wildest corners of South East Queensland and remains a true testpiece for capable bushfolk.

August 2019

Participants – Judy Moody-Stuart, Marika Andersson, Gerry Burton and Bob Stephens of the Redlands Bushwalkers Club.

Route – Glen Rock to Tugun

Time – 18 days

Style – Supported by several food and water drops

Notes – The team started with 7 members, but was reduced to 4 finishers due to work commitments. At 246km, this expedition may hold the record for the longest Scenic Rim Traverse route by distance, although a short segment was bypassed around Mt Mitchell due to park closures. The trip was finished in the nick of time – extremely dry and gusty conditions created significant bushfires the following week, notably in Lamington National Park.

6 COMMENTS



Chris Hall says:
June 19, 2019 at 6:51 pm

Thanks for the list of all the crazy people in SEQ

Love this comment - perhaps the Club should have offered them counselling when they had finished?

REPLY



Ryan says:
June 19, 2019 at 6:55 pm

As stated, it's not a complete list 😊

A lot of subliminals in this one: –

“Hi Malcolm, QPWS South West Region duty officer number is 0400 ---.--- however should an emergency situation arise best to call '000' first. Should you need advice during working hours, you are more than welcome to call me on 0428 ---.---.

As conditions are now extremely dry, wildfire is a possible risk. I'd suggest constantly being aware of refuge areas i.e. rainforest, being extra vigilant should you see smoke or if thunder storms are likely and remember that remote areas are 'fuel stove only' areas. If internet access allows, keep a close eye for any park alerts posted on the Queensland National Parks website “

A Footnote of true significance: -

The Walk start date was always to be 24th August 2019. By the Hand of Fate it was accidentally advanced by seven days thereby finishing a week early.

.... four days after the finish, the Binna Burra lodge burned to the ground.

A loose foot: -

ODE TO THE BATON

Our good friend Malcolm said with a grin
Let's get a group of people to walk the Scenic Rim.

He said we need an item for the walkers to carry in their pack.
Now, one of our club members, David, is a Canadian lumberjack.
Back in '05 the club joined the Redlands Relay for Life
And for that event David carved a baton with his knife.

Malcolm saw it and said "that's just what we need"
But our band of walkers, they disagreed.
They said "you silly man, you've got it all wrong,
It's shaped like a boomerang and it's too heavy and too long."

Malcolm did some modifications and still he insisted.
The walkers weren't happy and so they resisted.

Our band of walkers, Gerry, Judy, Marika, Graham and Bob
Made destroying the baton into a major job.

They tried drowning it in chocolate, and even burnt it in a fire,
Then they hung it on a tree stump, which attracted Malcolm's ire.

They carried that bloody baton along the mountain track
And they did their best to ditch it but the boomerang kept coming back.

So walkers when you get to Tugun, please don't throw it in the sea
But to keep the lumberjack happy, just return the baton to me.

Two weeks later.....

And now the walk is over, I hear that they ignored me
There's a photo to prove it, they tossed the baton in the sea.
Fortunately our good friend Malcolm was very very brave
And he dived into the ocean and retrieved the baton from the wave.
He took the baton home and gave it a good clean
And carved these words upon it "Scenic Rim Walk 2019".

(Hilary Martyn 2019)

Carnarvon Gorge Great Walk – Tracy Ryan

Carnarvon gorge through walk, August 2020

Walkers: Tuija, Leah, Gerry, Mats, Marika, Julie, Tracy, Bea

What a highlight this walk was, as planning started during the first year of the Covid pandemic. On-again, off-again lockdowns and movement restrictions began in early April, throwing everyone's plans, especially re travel, into chaos. Trips were cancelled, the Club activities were constantly reshuffled, rescheduled and even canned as we all tried to come to grips with the ever-changing requirements.

But we pushed on with planning for this walk, hoping restrictions would be eased by August. And luckily, they were.



Gerry after the big climb out of the gorge up Battleship Ridge

The walk itself is one of Queensland's best great walks. At 87km, the walk can be done in three nights/four days, but we decided on five nights and six days, which turned out to be a very wise decision as the days were of varying lengths and toughness.

The area is remote, except for one night at a campground accessible by vehicles. The other campsites were typical of Australia's great walks, with water and a cleared area for tents. Three had long drops. This meant we carried everything except for our overnight water.

Carnarvon National Park is on the land of the Bidjara, Karingbal, and Kara Kara people of Central Queensland. According to the QPS website, the dreaming says that the gorge was created by the rainbow serpent Mundagurra as he travelled through the creek system, coming in and out of the water, and carving the sandstone as he travelled, and you can certainly see how this fits the shape of the gorge. The gorge itself has some of Australia's best rock art, but the entire park is significant to the traditional custodians. It also contains burial sites and initiation grounds that are still used: sadly, the fear of vandalism is one of the reasons these sites are inaccessible.

Apart from the hugely varied scenery, one of the lasting memories of the walk were the night skies. In this part of the world, they are spectacular. One of the big



Consuelo campsite: the roof directs water to an underground tank

temptations of cold nights is to hop into our tents straight after dinner, which means you risk waking up about 2 or 3am. To avoid this, we spent our time trying to see the emu in the milky way, guided by Leah, and some of us also tried to spot seven satellites to put off going to bed a bit longer.

We had one inexperienced walker, but she had been training for some months so she managed very well, so much so that she signed up for the K'gari (Fraser Island) six-day walk a couple of months later. We all finished the walk feeling very satisfied, and hopefully other members will organise another expedition to Carnarvon to do the great walk again as it was well worth it.



The track through typical grasslands

Fraser Island – Mats & Marika Andersson

After a very successful outing on the Carnarvon Gorge Great Walk a few of us were keen on some more fun and so the Fraser Island Great Walk was selected for our next adventure. Only four people had the time and inclination, so on the 9th of September 2020 Tuija, Tracy, Marika and I set off for Rainbow Beach and then onto the barge at Inskip Point.

Because of the tide affecting the beach driving, the taxi was late and we had to stay the first night at Dilli Village and this turned the first day into a 22km walk to Central Station. The day was nice and sunny and the sand surrounding the lakes we passed was glistening white.



The Central Station walkers camp was a bit of a disappointment, dark and dingy. We woke up the next morning with light showers, the tents were wet and as we walked out through the tourist areas the rain had increased slightly.

We spotted a huge tour group BBQ area with a roof and a plan was hatched to wait out the rain in there while drying our tents. There was no great hurry as the walk to Lake McKenzie was very short. We made tea and sat there watching the rain increase to a downpour of biblical proportions. A group of three blokes walked past and decided to join us, the hours rolled on and by the afternoon it was clear that neither of us had a stomach for walking through the torrential rain to Lake McKenzie and pitch the tent there. So, it was decided that we erect them on the concrete



between the BBQ tables. We got some wind driven rain but we were generally ok. The downpour continued all night, so we were quite happy with our decision.

The next day the rain had eased to showers, so we set off towards Lake Wabby and just as we approached the walker's camp the sun came out. The ladies went down to the lake for a swim, but I decided to stay in camp. The following day the rain had eased but all vegetation was wet and dripping, it was beautiful when the sun occasionally came out and illuminated all the droplets. Another benefit from the rain was that the sandy paths were hard packed which made for easy walking.

The following camp was Valley of the Giants, a very apt name as the trees were enormous. The campsite showed signs of neglect, with fallen branches across paths etc. I assume that Covid lockdowns is the main reason for that.

About 2 km away from Valley of the Giants on the way to Lake Garawongera you exit the forest and enter open heathland. We were so relieved at finally being dry and warm that we just flopped down next to the path and lay there enjoying the luxury of not wearing a raincoat. Lake Garawongera was a lovely stop with pure white sand and a lake to swim in. We dried our damp stuff in the sunshine and forgot the miserable conditions of the preceding days.



The last day was a short 6 km to Happy Valley where we enjoyed the trappings of civilisation (ice cream, toasted sandwiches etc.) while we waited for the taxi to pick us up and drive us back to the barge. During the long drive back to Brisbane we were all in agreement that it had been a great week, in spite of what the weather gods had thrown at us.

Campfire Night – Friday 10th September 2021 – Colleen Merrick

What a beautiful spot in Mt Cotton, to be able to hold our campfire evening. Thank you to Laurel for pushing on with the idea, regardless of setbacks and ill health. We all benefited from her determination to see it through.



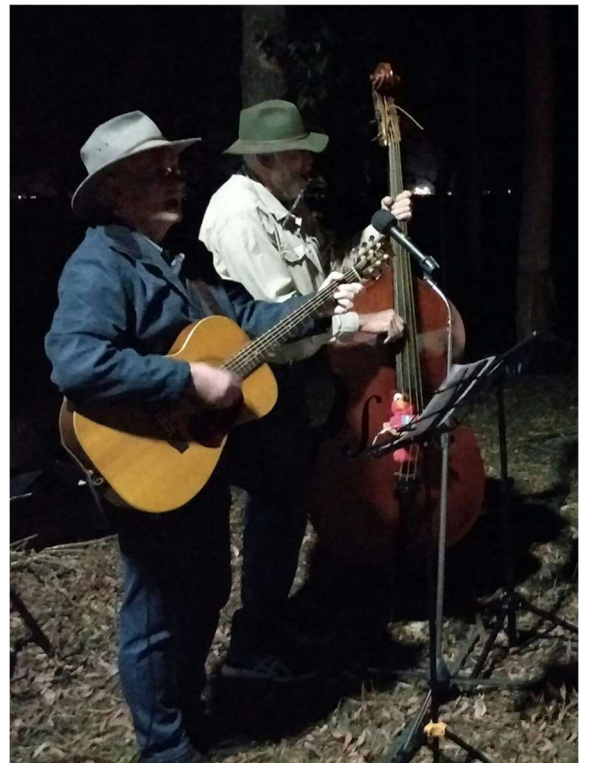
Many members made and donated damper and a couple brought cake (which we weren't expecting, but was appreciated and delicious). Some loaned essential items we needed, helped set up or pack up, or worked in the kitchen.

Many thanks everyone, you made it happen! Thanks also to the people who supported the campfire night by coming along, you were essential for making it a success.

We were pleasantly entertained by two members of Stone the Crows Bush Band and some of us enjoyed singing along, if we could remember the words.

Thanks to Malcolm for being related to the owners of the property and liaising with them to get their permission and arrange a suitable date, several times.

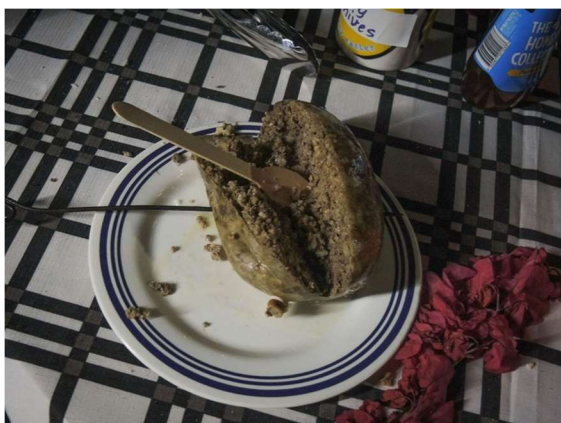
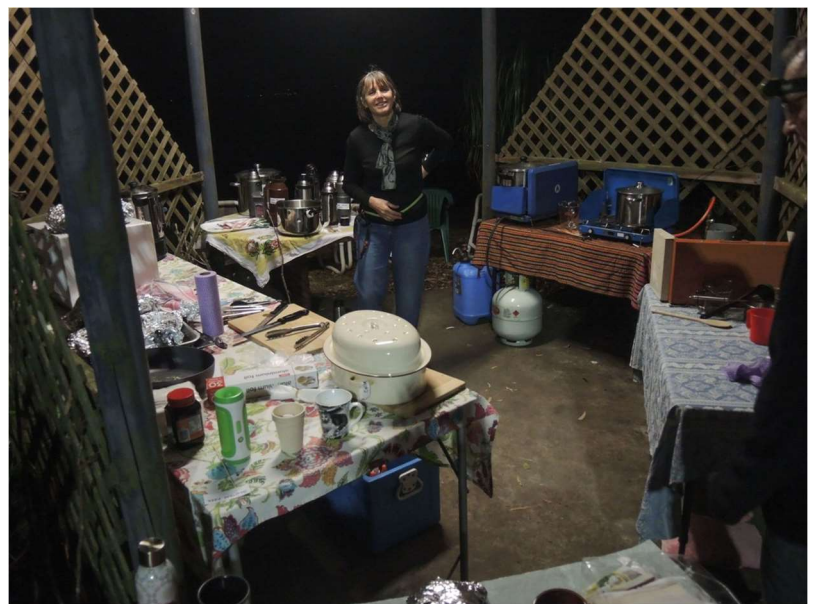
One of the advantages of being involved in the organisation and set up, was arriving early enough to watch the sunset. Of course, there's also that rewarding feeling of doing something for others to enjoy.



The highlight of the evening was when our president Paul Hirst presented three of our founding members with a life membership.

This had been a committee decision and closely kept secret for months, so finally it all came together as the perfect time to make the presentation. Congratulations to Rob and Laurel Santry and Ted Wassenberg, without you the club wouldn't exist.

It was great to have time to chat and meet members you perhaps hadn't had the opportunity to walk with. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, and a couple of campers stayed the night.



Report and photos - Colleen Merrick

Additional Photos on this page by Leah Stephens

IN THE NEWS

Advocating for bushwalking in the Redlands



Council leaves Redland bushwalkers in lurch over mountain bike plans at Sheldon's eastern escarpment conservation area

By Hannah Baker

Updated November 5 2018 - 2:01pm, first published October 31 2018 - 10:38am



MAGICAL: Redlands Bushwalkers Club president Tracy Ryan, committee member Don Baxter and vice president Peter Endercott in the conservation area near gate nine. Photo: Hannah Baker

BUSHWALKERS are worried council is planning to turn a conservation area at Sheldon into a mountain bike precinct, forcing hikers to find other grounds to use.

Redland Bushwalkers club recruiting members

Updated January 7 2019 - 1:54pm, first published December 27 2018 - 4:00pm



RECRUITING: Members are needed to join Redlands Bushwalkers club.

INTERESTED in hiking across the Redlands, south-east Queensland and beyond?

More members are needed to sign up to Redland Bushwalkers club.

What's on across Redlands Coast - June 1 2022

Updated June 1 2022 - 3:01pm, first published 2:58pm



WALKERS: Redland Bushwalkers cater for a range of fitness and skill levels, find out more at their meeting in June. Picture: supplied.

Bush walk

Cleveland

Redland Bushwalkers will hear about birds from guest speaker George Chapman at their next meeting on June 8 at 7pm at the Lions Hall, Shore St, Cleveland. Visitors welcome.

Blowing our own trumpet – and why not!



Redlands Bushwalkers Club complete gruelling 18 day journey from Gatton to Tugun

JC

By Jordan Crick

Updated September 12 2019 - 2:15pm, first published 2:30pm



A group of Redlands bushwalkers arrived at Tugun beach on Tuesday battered and bruised from an unforgettable 18 day journey that might just set a local record.



READY TO GO: The bushwalking crew was reduced from seven to four due to work and other commitments.

Redlands Bushwalkers Club claim they are the first group ever to walk the entire 225 kilometre stretch from Gatton to Tugun.

The loss of our much-loved founding member



Vale Laurel Santry

By [Linda Muller](#)

Updated May 16 2022 - 5:00pm, first published May 8 2022 - 7:19pm



ARTS: laurel Santry, died at age 65 after a long commitment to dance and the arts in the Redlands.

Laurel Santry will be remembered for her contribution to community arts in the Redlands.

Ms Santry of Ormiston died following an extended battle with ovarian cancer on April 17, aged 65.

Ms Santry, moved to the Redlands 45 years ago and taught dancing and aerobics to hundreds of children for about 20 years, sometimes teaming with her sister, Davidia Lind.

She and her husband Rob Santry, a local policeman, met at the Brisbane Bushwalking Club and the pair formed the Redland Bushwalking Club in 2002 in order to continue these pursuits. The pair received Life memberships in 2021.

Ms Santry was also a member and choreographer with the Redland Rhapsody Chorus (member since 1995) with the chorus performing at her funeral, held on April 23 at the Salvation Army church, at Alexandra Hills. The funeral was attended by more than 200 people.

Her son Michael Santry said the large number in attendance was testament to his mother's standing and respect in the community.

"She had an impact on a lot of people, touching a lot of lives, particularly in the performing arts arena," he said.

"Through singing Sweet Adeline chorus, she made a lot of friends, including internationally where the chorus competed. She made some life long friends that way."

She lived for some time in New Zealand in order to work with the Christchurch City Chorus for competition in the USA for the Sweet Adeline international competition. This way she built strong friendships in both countries.

Ms Santry was also a member of the Redland Adult Starter band and of Cleveland Crest while Rob Santry was in Apex.

Ms Santry was born in 1957, the youngest child of Patricia and Victor Graydon. She had two siblings, Malcolm who shared her birthday by 11 years and a sister Davidia.

She attended West End State School and then Brisbane State High.

She and Rob were married in 1977, moving to Birkdale and having two sons - Michael in 1978 and Paul in 1980.

In latter years and through international competition with the Redland Rhapsody chorus, the couple travelled extensively including Borneo, Chile and Argentina, Africa, Tanzania Climbing Mt Kilimanjaro, Kenya, Nubia, Zambia, Zimbabwe, South Africa, Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, Japan, Turkey, Canada, America and Europe.

Michael Santry said his mother always had a soft spot for children and sponsored Meta, a Cambodian orphan who she helped to graduate university.

Ms Santry had three grandchildren and two step grand children, Luca, Mica, Liam, Jaya and Asiya.

CLUB MILESTONES

January 2019 – A change of Venue



October - November 2018 Edition

Next Club Meeting - Wednesday 9th January 2019

7:00pm for 7:30pm start

Lions Club Hall, 122 Shore St North (further details below!)

IMPORTANT NOTICE !!!

Our next Club meeting is Wednesday 9 January and **IT IS NOT AT INDIGISCAPES!**

We've been turfed out while they refurbish the hall, which will take most of next year (2019). In the meantime we've booked the Lions Club hall, 122 Shore Street North Cleveland (heading towards Cleveland Point on the left hand side where the graveyard for historic buildings is located).



Initially a temporary relocation, it became permanent when it became apparent that the refurbished hall at Indigiscapes no longer suited our needs.

May 2020 – Facebook group started



Redland Bushwalkers Members Group


Private group · 95 members




Joined

+ Invite




A few early posts by Group Admin for testing:


 Redland Bushwalkers uploaded a file in the group: Redland Bushwalkers Members Group. May 2, 2020 · 🌐

club newsletter Ramble On - March 2020 edition.


 PDF
Ramble On March2020.pdf

2 Comments Seen by 26




 Like  Comment  Send

 Redland Bushwalkers May 5, 2020 · 🌐

Hi new members: this is a new site and still in development. Could you poss have a poke around and tell us what you think? "Us" is the current admins Tracy, Julie and Leah.

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5 Comments Seen by 42

 Like  Comment  Send

The first post by a member (not Group Admin):



The first post from Group Admin to communicate important info:



July 2021 – Meetup group started



Part of **Redland Bushwalkers Meetup Network**

Redland Bushwalkers Inc.

Brisbane, Australia

104 members · Private group

Organized by President RBC and 25 others

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The first test event by Group Organisers:

SAT, JUL 10, 2021, 8:00 AM AEST

Branch Creek waterfall explore, Mt Nebo

Needs a location

DW L 4-5 4-5. (V1 in RK's database) This is a survey, which means I haven't done it before. It will be about 10km along forestry tracks, a bit of off-track and some creek walking. There may be lantana and other nasties, and most definitely hills. The start is about 1hr 15mins drive from Cleveland....

3 attendees

[Manage](#)

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The first event attended by members (not only Group Organisers):

FRI, JUL 16, 2021, 12:00 PM AEST

Base Camp Charlie Moreland campground, Kenilworth

Charlie Moreland Camping Area

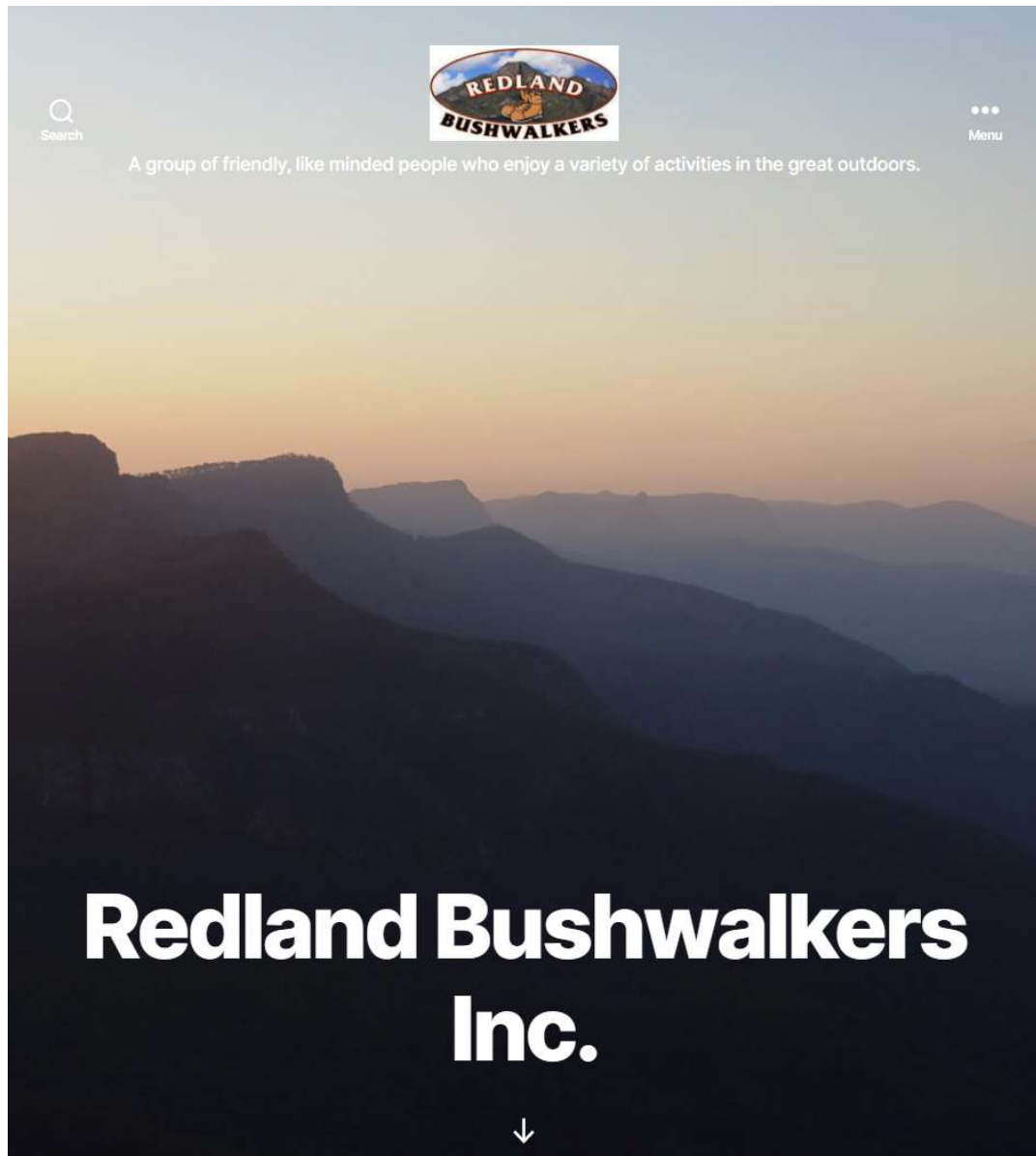
Frid 16th July - Sunday 19th July - Base Camp Charlie Moreland campground, Kenilworth
Book your site here <https://parks.des.qld.gov.au/parks/imbil/camping/charlie-moreland>
There will be various walks in the area around 10km. This is a lovely area to explore if you want a...

5 attendees

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[Manage](#)

August 2021 – New upgraded website launched



Who are we?

Our club is a group of friendly, like minded people who enjoy a variety of activities in the great outdoors. We are based in the Redlands, thirty minutes south east of Brisbane CBD but welcome members from all areas.

What do we do?

Our walks and activities cater for all levels of fitness and agility and include social walks, day walks, multi-day through walks, base camps, abseiling, kayaking, cycling and social activities. If you are considering joining then come along to one of our monthly club meetings – you are very welcome!

Where are our meetings held?

Club meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month (except December) at 7:00 pm for 7.30pm start at Cleveland Lions Hall – 122 Shore Street North Cleveland (heading towards Cleveland Point on the left hand side where the Historic Buildings are located). [Map here](#)

The website upgrade project was 80% funded with a \$3,000 community grant from Redland City Council:



Redland City Council is proud to provide funding for the Redland Bushwalkers Inc. Website Upgrade project as part of the Community Grants Program to assist the Redlands Coast community

The new look calendar syncs with Meetup to automatically update every hour



A group of friendly, like minded people who enjoy a variety of activities in the great outdoors.

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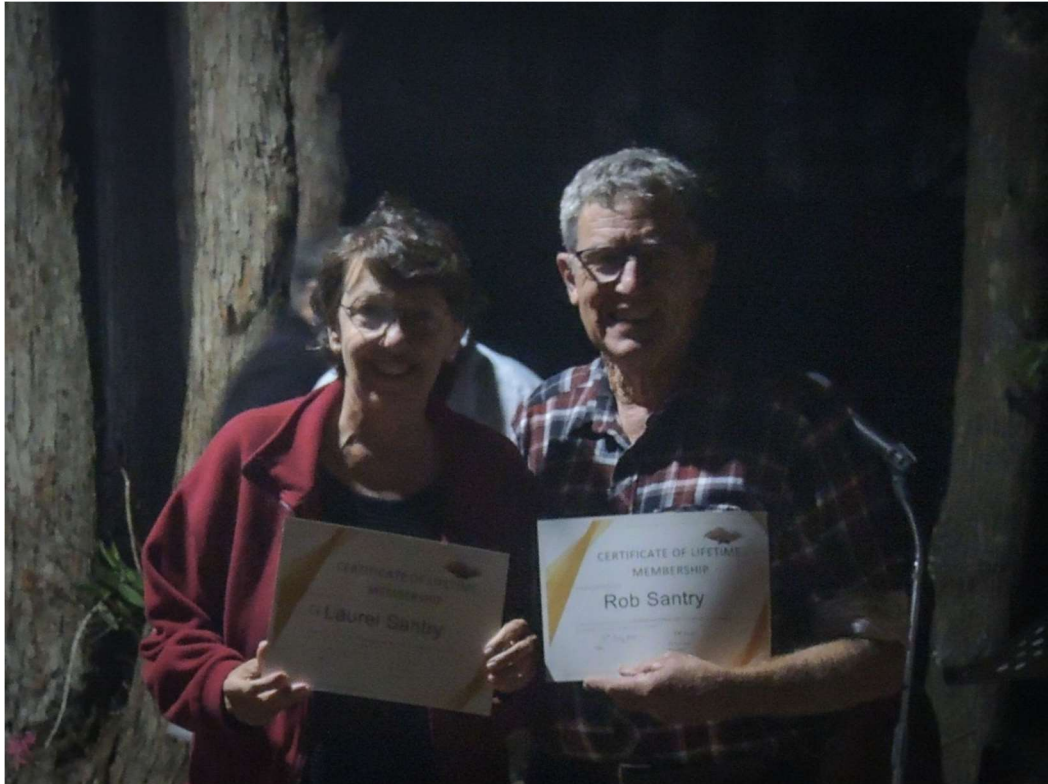
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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
26	27	28 Nandubermere Falls Base camp, Sundown NP	29	30	1	2
3 9:30 am - 12:30 pm Bike Ride: Bulimba Creek Cyclway	4	5	6	7	8 9:00 am - 11:00 am Scribbly Gumms Conservation Park (SOW T2 F2)	9
10	11	12 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Club Meeting, 122 Shore St North Cleveland from 7pm	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Baroon Pocket Dam to Kondolle Falls (LOW F4 T3) - Optional Base Camp	21	22 6:30 am - 11:00 am Three Capes Bike Ride	23 7:00 am - 4:30 pm PURLINGBROOK FALLS AND NATURAL ARCH MDW T3 F3
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

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September 2021 – Our first life members

Congratulations to Laurel santry, Rob Santry and Ted Wassenberg on becoming the Club's first life members, in recognition of their outstanding contribution.



March 2023 – 200th Edition of Ramble On

Since its first edition in February 2004 the club’s monthly newsletter “Ramble On” has been a regular feature, keeping members informed about upcoming events and providing informative reports about recent activities.

As well as marking the club’s 20th Anniversary, the March 2023 edition is a milestone in its own right, being the 200th edition of this much-loved club tradition.

Many Thanks to our editors:

Steve Wynne	2004 to 2008
Sue Reid	2008 to 2012
Jen Ivers	2013 to 2017
Leah Stephens	2017 to Date

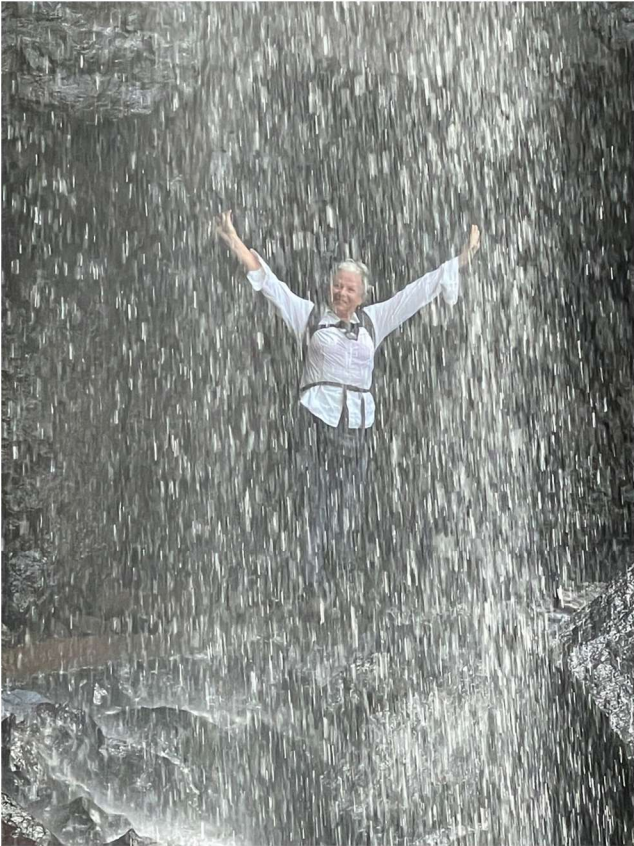
PHOTO COMPETITION

First held in 2005, this is a very well attended event on the club's calendar. In the last 10 years the club held this competition every year except 2018 and 2020. Many thanks to all the volunteers that made this possible. Julie Geldard deserves a special mention, for help judging entries and her generous donation of prizes.

A selection of Photos from the 2021 Photo Competition judging night:



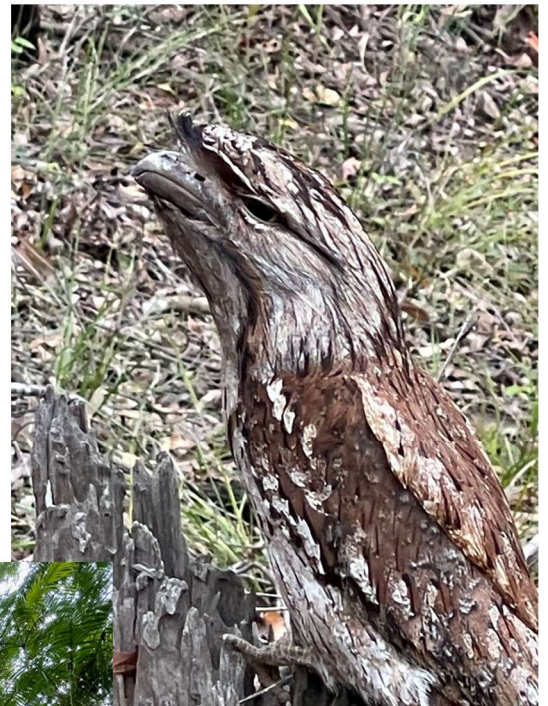
2022 WINNERS – Terry's Year!



PEOPLE & BEST OVERALL
– Terry Brown 'Waterfall Dreaming'



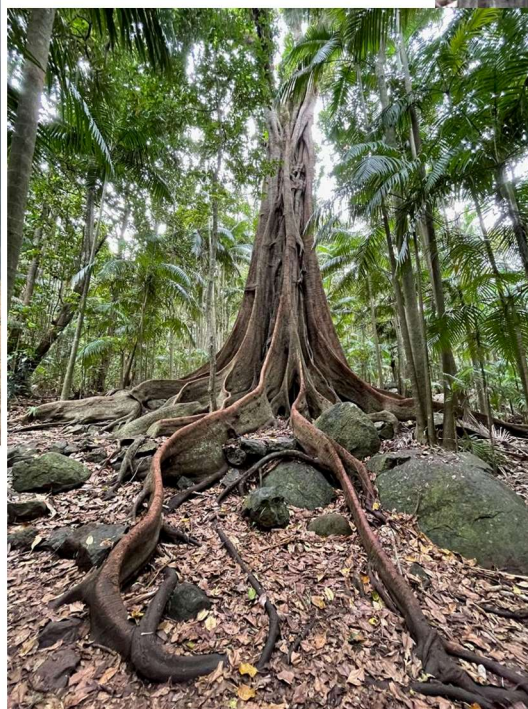
SMALL THINGS – Terry Brown 'Dorrigo Waratah'



LIVING CREATURES –
'Camouflage' - Terry Brown



OPEN / FROM THE ARCHIVES
– 'Strzelecki Desert Tree' Tineke



LANDSCAPE – 'Icon of the
Rainforest' - Terry Brown

2021 WINNERS



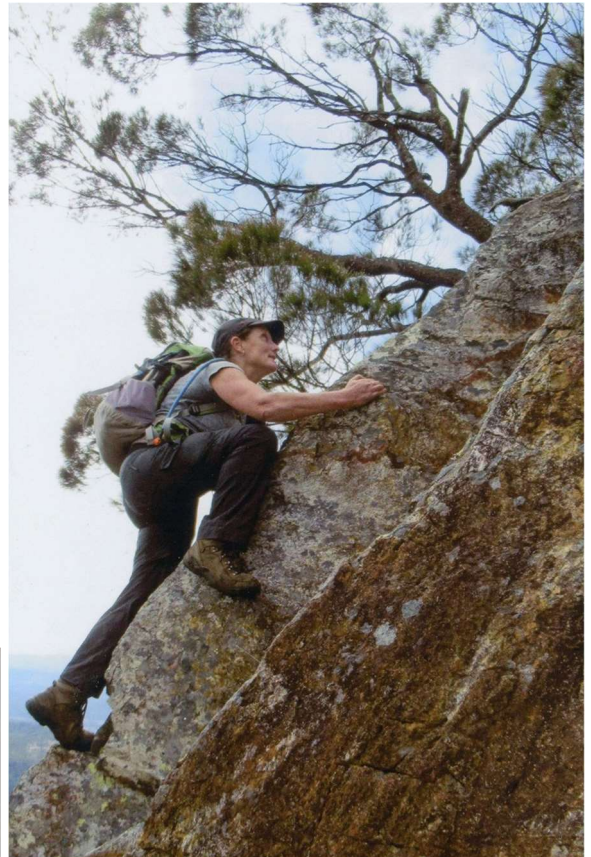
SMALL THINGS & BEST OVERALL - Jean Perlin 'Cuppa at the Lavender Cafe?'



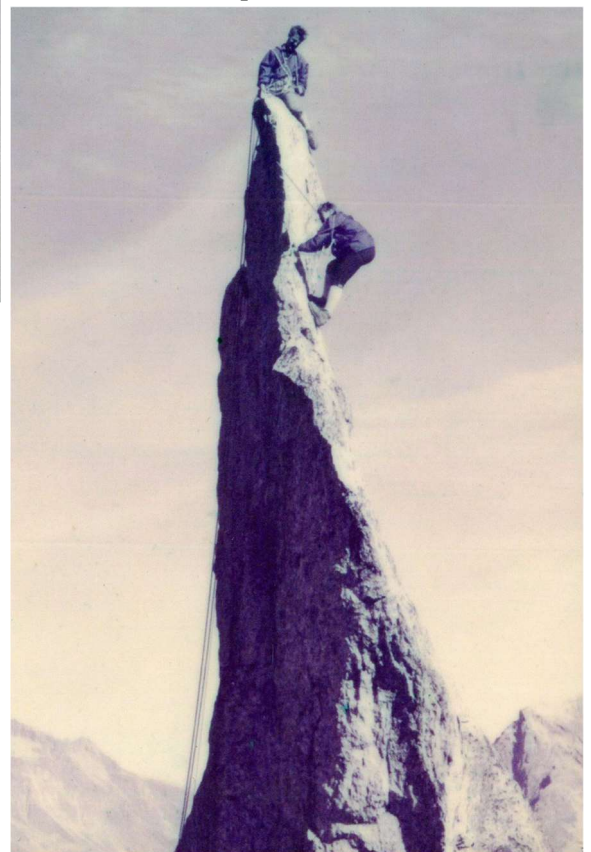
LANDSCAPE - Paul Hirst 'Trowutta Arch'



LIVING CREATURES - Terry Brown 'Blue Tiger'

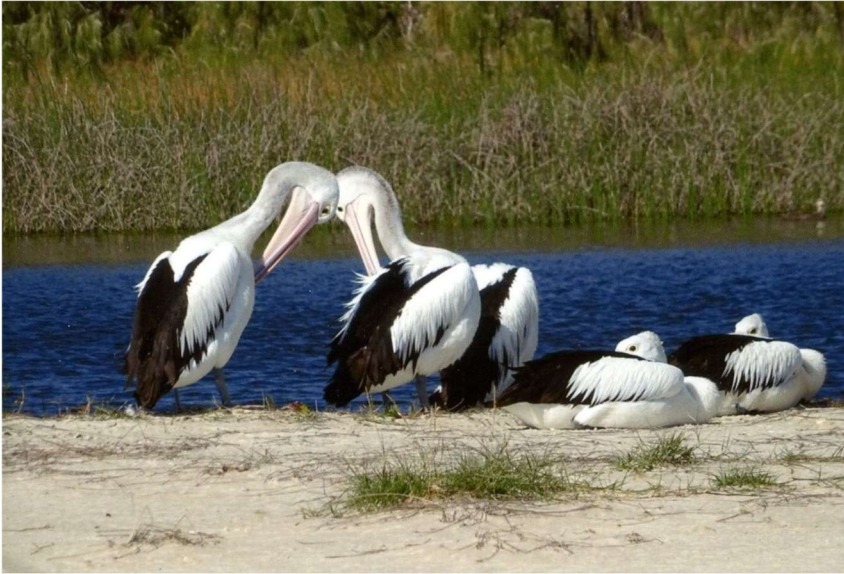


ADVENTURE/PEOPLE - Bea Berger 'A Scramble to the Top'

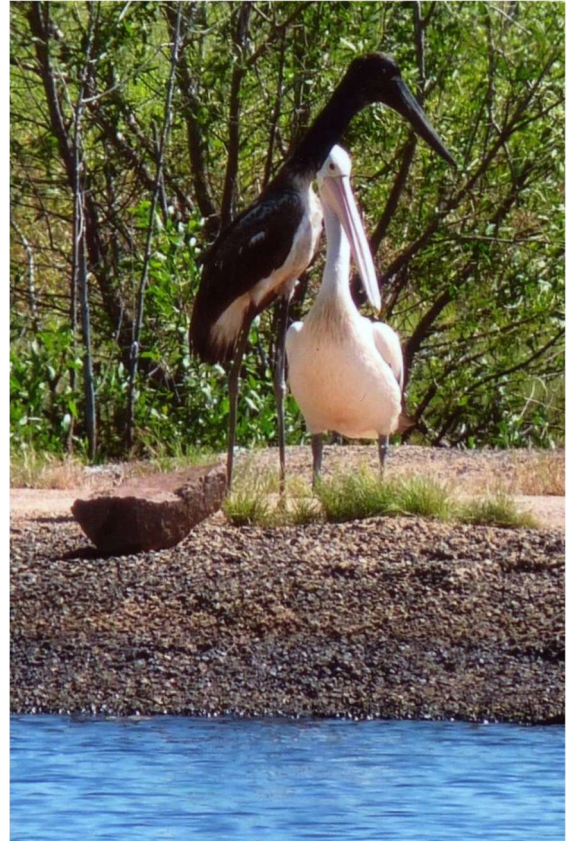


FROM ARCHIVES - Bea Berger 'The Flame'

2019 WINNERS



*LIVING CREATURES & BEST OVERALL - Katrina Diamond
'Moreton Bliss' (Moreton Island base camp)*



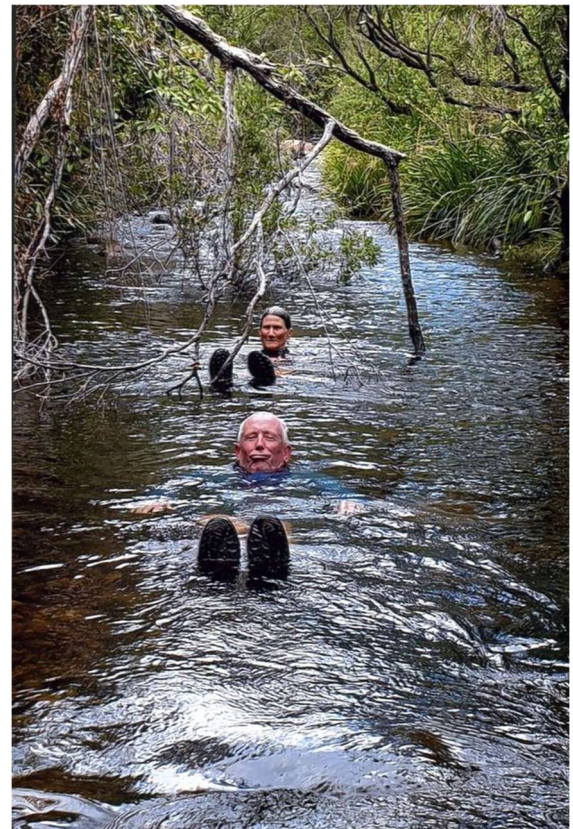
*OPEN - Malcolm Thomson 'Jabiru
Jabberwockys'*



LANDSCAPE - Jacob Berger 'Looking Out the Window'



SMALL THINGS - Colleen Merrick 'Purple Surprise'

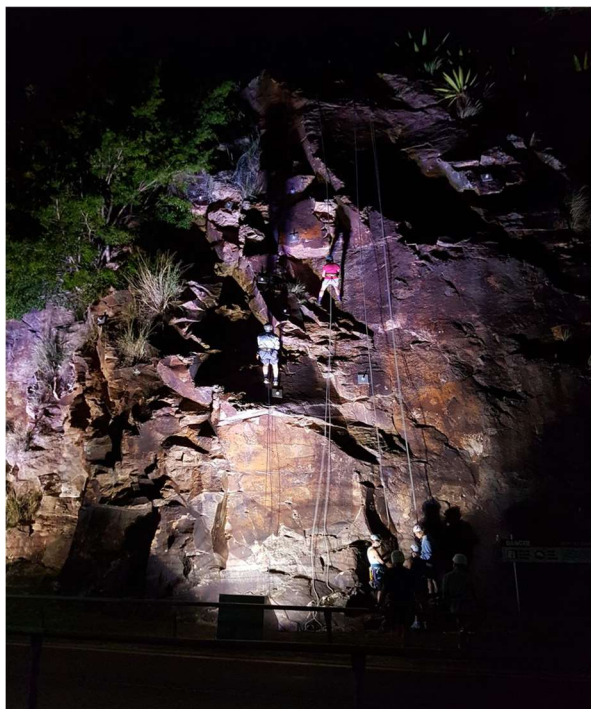


PEOPLE - Julie Cummings 'Cool Down Time'

2017 WINNERS



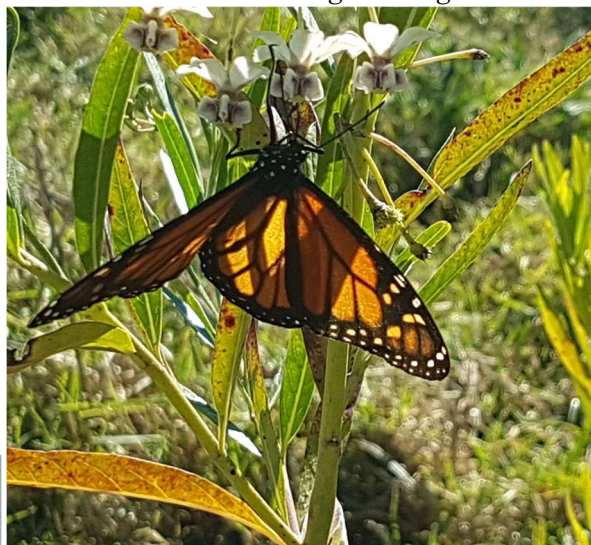
MEMBER'S CHOICE AWARD - David Rae 'Misty Morning'



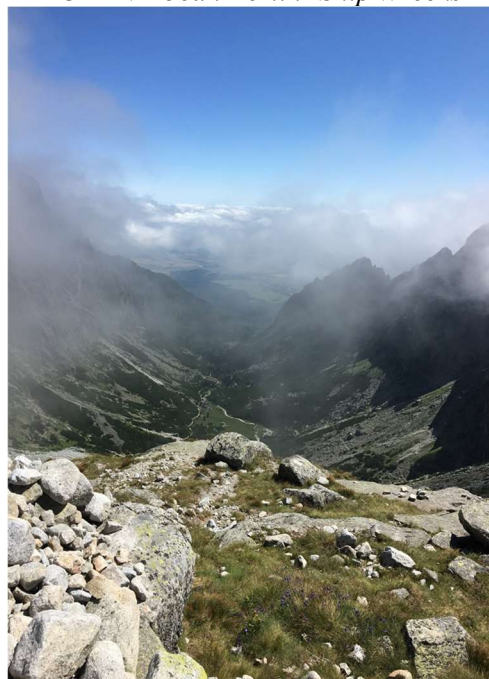
LANDSCAPE - Julie Cummings 'Facing Your Fear'



OPEN - Jean Perlin 'Ship Wrecks'



Above: NATURE - Julie Cummings 'Just Hangin' in the Sun'

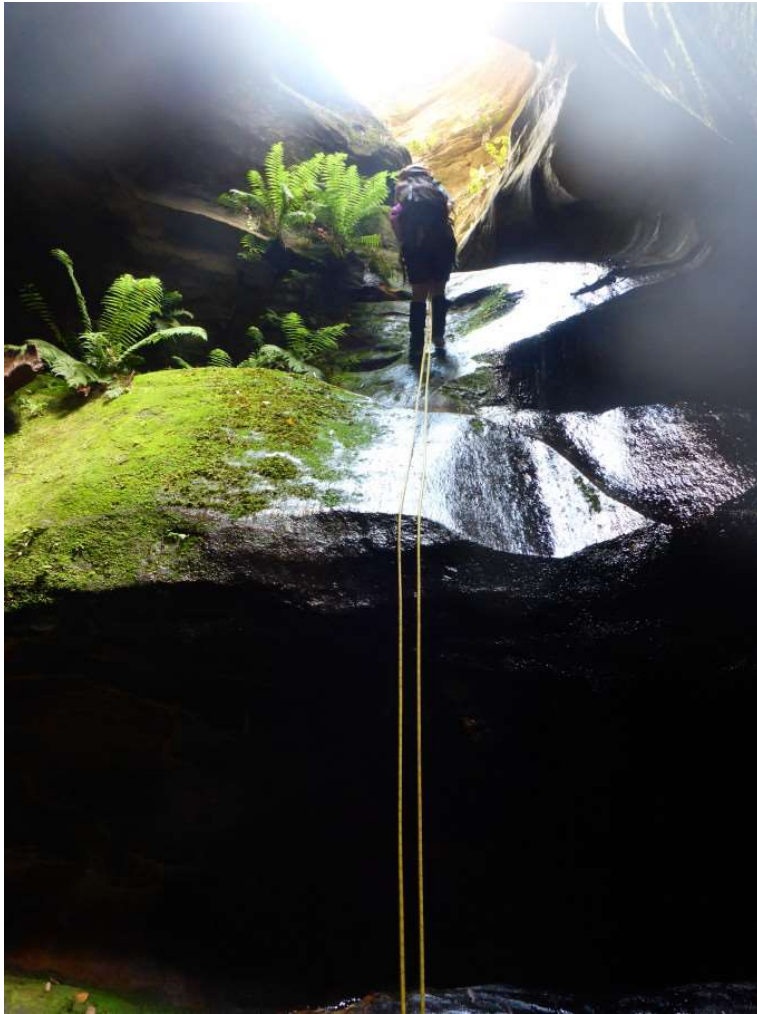


Far Left: NEWBIE SECTION - Amanda Fichna 'High Tatra Mountains, Slovakia'



Left: PEOPLE - Malcolm Thomson 'Sunset Silhouette'

2016 WINNERS



People

1st - Ted Wassenberg

2nd - David Rae

Nature

1st - Leah Stephens

2nd - Ros Tolcher

Landscape

1st - Julie Cummings

2nd - Ros Tolcher

Open

1st - Lansing Hawkins

2nd - Joan Arnell

Member's Choice Award: Jean Perlin

Newbie Award: Sharon Dittmer

Sadly, we can't locate all of these photos, what you see is what we have!

People 1st - Ted Wassenberg 'Into the Gloom'

Member's Choice Award: Jean Perlin

Newbie Award: Sharon Dittmer



2015 WINNERS

Sadly, we can't find this information but we do know who won the most coveted prize!



MEMBER'S CHOICE AWARD – Jacob Berger 'Resting'

2014 WINNERS



MEMBER'S CHOICE AWARD – Julie Cummings 'Frog'



NATURE – Leah Stephens 'Delicate Blue'



LANDSCAPE – Mike Vose 'Cape Brett, We Made It!'



PEOPLE – John Kolcze 'Riding the Rapids'



OPEN – Bob Hartley 'Last Light'

2013 WINNERS



MEMBER'S CHOICE AWARD – Teresa Carvalo 'Yes I Am Real'



NATURE – Leah Stephens 'Bejeweled Frond'



ADVENTURE – Leah Stephens 'A Room for The Night'

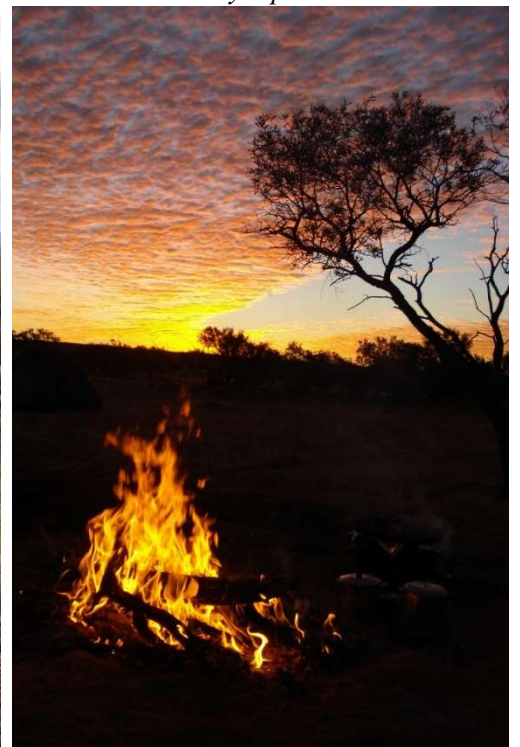


LANDSCAPE – Mike Vose 'On The way Up'

Right: PEOPLE – Denise Kolcze 'I'm Nearly There'



Far Right: 10th ANNIVERSARY – Denise Kolcze 'Glow's Top & Bottom'



OUR COMMITTEES - THE LAST 10 YEARS

2013

(March 2013 – April 2014)

PRESIDENT	Mats Andersson
VICE PRESIDENT	Denise Kolcze
SECRETARY	Malcolm Thomson
TREASURER	Narelle McFadden
MEMBERSHIP	Sandie Stephens
SAFETY & TRAINING	Ted Wassenberg
OUTINGS	Steve Tolcher
SOCIAL SECRETARY	Vacant
NEWSLETTER	Jennifer Ivers
EQUIPMENT	Denise Mitchell

2014

(April 2014 – April 2015)

PRESIDENT	Peter Endacott
VICE PRESIDENT	Denise Kolcze
SECRETARY	Malcolm Thomson
TREASURER	Betty Murray
MEMBERSHIP	Fiona Bannister
SAFETY & TRAINING	Ted Wassenberg
OUTINGS	Hilary Riley
SOCIAL SECRETARY	Vacant
NEWSLETTER	Jennifer Ivers
EQUIPMENT	Denise Mitchell

2015

(April 2015 – April 2016)

PRESIDENT	Mats Andersson
VICE PRESIDENT	Hilary Riley
SECRETARY	Julie Cummings
TREASURER	Betty Murray
MEMBERSHIP	Leisa Harris
SAFETY & TRAINING	Trevor Davern
OUTINGS	Tracy Ryan
ABSEILING	Ted Wassenberg
SOCIAL SECRETARY	Vacant
NEWSLETTER	Jennifer Ivers
REFRESHMENTS	Marnie Thomson

2016

(April 2016 – April 2017)

PRESIDENT	Mats Andersson
VICE PRESIDENT	Rod Edwards
SECRETARY	Julie Cummings
TREASURER	Betty Murray
MEMBERSHIPS	Leisa Harris
SAFETY & TRAINING	Trevor Davern
OUTINGS	Tracy Ryan
ABSEIL	Trevor Davern
WEBSITE	Joan Arnell
SOCIAL SECRETARY	Vacant
NEWSLETTER	Jennifer Ivers
REFRESHMENTS	Marnie Thomson

2017

(April 2017 – April 2018)

PRESIDENT	Aaron Elsmore
VICE PRESIDENT	Vacant
SECRETARY	Julie Cummings
TREASURER	Monica De Leacy
MEMBERSHIP	Amanda Fichna
SAFETY & TRAINING	Trevor Davern
OUTINGS	Tracy Ryan
ASBSEIL	Trevor Davern
WEBSITE	Joan Arnell
SOCIAL SECRETARY	Vacant
NEWSLETTER	Jennifer Ivers
REFRESHMENTS	Marnie Thomson

2018

(April 2018 – April 2019)

PRESIDENT	Tracy Ryan
VICE PRESIDENT	Peter Endacott
SECRETARY	Wayne Porter
TREASURER	Monica De Leacy
MEMBERSHIP	Amanda Fichna
SAFETY & TRAINING	Julie Cummings
OUTINGS	Geoff Arnell
ABSEIL	Trevor Davern
WEBSITE	Leisa Harris, Jean Perlin, Joan Arnell
SOCIAL SECRETARY	Vacant
NEWSLETTER	Leah Stephens
REFRESHMENTS	Russell De Leacy

2019

(April 2019 – April 2020)

PRESIDENT	Tracy Ryan
VICE PRESIDENT	Peter Endacott
SECRETARY	Julie Cummings
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SAFETY & TRAINING	Trevor Davern
OUTINGS	Geoff Arnell
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WEBSITE	Leisa Harris, Jean Perlin
SOCIAL SECRETARY	Vacant
NEWSLETTER	Leah Stephens
REFRESHMENTS	Hilary Riley, Trevor Davern

2020

(April 2020 – April 2021)

No AGM due to COVID19 – committee unchanged

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SAFETY & TRAINING	Trevor Davern
OUTINGS	Geoff Arnell
ABSEIL	Trevor Davern
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SOCIAL SECRETARY	Vacant
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REFRESHMENTS	Hilary Riley, Trevor Davern

2021

(April 2021 – April 2022)

PRESIDENT	Paul Hirst
VICE PRESIDENT	Julie Cummings/Kathy Brzoskowski
SECRETARY	Colleen Merrick
TREASURER	Selvin Croucher
MEMBERSHIP	Vicki Cox
SAFETY & TRAINING	Ted Wassenberg
OUTINGS	Amanda Fichna
ABSEIL	Ted Wassenberg
WEBSITE	Julie Cummings
SOCIAL SECRETARY	Laurel Santry, Hilary Martyn
PUBLICITY & NEWSLETTER	Leah Stephens
REFRESHMENTS	Hilary& Trevor Davern

2022
(April 2022 – April 2023)

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SECRETARY	Colleen Merrick
TREASURER	Selvin Croucher
MEMBERSHIP / MEETUP	Vikki Cox
SAFETY & TRAINING	Ted Wassenberg
ACTIVITIES OFFICER	Vacant
SOCIAL SECRETARY	Hilary Martyn
PUBLICITY & NEWSLETTER	Leah Stephens
REFRESHMENTS	Deb Miller



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