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(Flinders Peak)

Ipswich Bushwalkers Inc

Newsletter



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October 2020 – January 2021 Edition

COMING EVENTS CALENDAR - Descriptions are on pages 2 & 3

Date	Day	Event	Type	Grade	Leader	Time	Cost
11 Oct 20	Sunday	Meeting			Russell	7pm	
18 Oct 20	Sunday	Ships Stern Binna Burra	DW	L34	Dave	7am	\$20
25 Oct 20	Sunday	Cronans Falls, Mt Barney	DW	M34	Barbara	7am	\$15
01 Nov 20	Sunday	Walks Planning Meeting			Russell	7pm	
08 Nov 20	Sunday	Piper Commanchie plane wreck	DW	M44	Dave	7am	\$15
15 Nov 20	Sunday	Sandgate Bike Ride	BK		Dave	7am	\$10
21 Nov 20	Saturday	BBQ & Moonlight walk, Jenson's Swamp, Lowood.	Soc		Russell	4:30pm	\$5
29 Nov 20	Sunday	Mt Blaine	HD	S34	Barbara	7am	\$5
05 Dec 20	Saturday	Xmas party - Raceview Tavern	Soc		Wendy	6:30pm	
23 Jan 21	Saturday	BBQ & Moonlight walk, BVRT Lowood - Lockyer Ck	Soc	S22	Russell	4:30pm	\$5
07 Feb 21	Sunday	Meeting			Russell	7pm	

Please Note:

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

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

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

How to join the club:

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

EVENT TYPE and

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

GRADING CODES

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

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

ESSENTIAL ITEMS FOR DAY WALKS

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

ADDITIONAL ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR DAY WALKS

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

WALK COST

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

Pre COVID-19 we pool vehicles to minimise cost. The cost associated with each walk is based on each vehicle having the driver and at least two passengers. The passengers pay walk costs. If there are more than two passengers per vehicle the walk cost will usually be reduced; this is at the discretion of the leader. Walk fees and driver reimbursements are usually organised by the walk leader at a café stop on the way home after the walk.

COMING EVENT DESCRIPTIONS

Date	Day	Event	Type	Grade	Time	Cost
25 Oct 20	Sunday	Cronans Falls, Mt Barney	DW	M34	7am	\$15
		Departs Ipswich 7am	Leader:	Barbara	Ph.	0439 327 899

A walk mostly on forestry/4WD roads with some creek crossings, returning the same way. Impressive views of Mt Barney and views of Cronans Creek. The section to the falls involves a short off-track walk to get to the creek and a short rock-hop to the falls. A swim is possible in the pool at the base of the falls. The rocks in the creek are very slippery when wet.

01 Nov 20	Sunday	Walks Planning Meeting			7pm	
		Departs Ipswich 7pm	Leader:	Russell	Ph.	3282 5534

This is your chance to have your say and get involved in the choosing and planning of our next walks. It would be good if past and present Walk Leaders come to share their experiences with others. We are always looking for new walk Leaders so if you're interested come along and see what's involved.

08 Nov 20 Sunday Piper Commanchie plane wreck DW M44 7am \$15
 Departs Ipswich 7am Leader: Dave Ph. Cheryl 0417 768 771

This walk is to the Piper Comanche plane wreck in the Brisbane Forest Park. It will be part on track, part off track through fairly open rainforest. There is some up and down but not too strenuous. All going well, it should be a relatively short day and we can expect to be back at Ipswich by 5.00pm.

15 Nov 20 Sunday Sandgate Bike Ride BK 7am \$10
 Departs Ipswich 7am Leader: Dave Ph. Cheryl 0417 768 771

We will travel by car to Sandgate and park somewhere near the Shorncliff Jetty. We will then ride to Woody Point for BYO morning tea and then back to Sandgate - all on constructed bike paths (except a very tiny bit at Woody Point). It is about 22km return. BYO, take-away, or dine-in lunch is optional.

21 Nov 20 Saturday BBQ & Moonlight walk, Jensons Swamp, Lowood. Soc 4:30pm \$5
 Departs Ipswich 4:30pm Leader: Russell Ph. 3282 5534

We will have our BYO BBQ in the park opposite the Fernvale Bakery, there is a Cafe if you want to buy a burger. We will then drive to Jensons Swamp near Lowood. These wetlands are a significant koala and wildlife habitat, providing breeding grounds for native birds and other fauna. We'll then have a BYO supper at the picnic area. Bring a good torch.

29 Nov 20 Sunday Mt Blaine HD S34 7am \$5
 Departs Ipswich 7am Leader: Barbara Ph. 0439 327 899

A challenging track to the summit of Mt Blaine. The trail consists of steep inclines and rock scrambling. The summit provides 360 degree view over Brisbane, Ipswich and the scenic rim and a great view of Flinders Peak. The track goes up the northern side, over the summit and back down the southern side. High level of fitness, off track experience, scrambling experience and solid boots are all recommended. Do not attempt this climb if you have knee problems, nervous conditions or vertigo.

05 Dec 20 Saturday Xmas party - Raceview Tavern Soc 6:30pm
 Departs Ipswich 6:30pm Leader: Wendy Ph. 3282 5534

This year's Christmas Party will be held at the Raceview Tavern. RSVP: Wendy by Tuesday 1st December as they would like to know final numbers in advance. Start time 6.30pm.

23 Jan 21 Saturday BBQ & Moonlight walk, BVRT Lowood - Lockyer Ck Soc S22 4:30pm \$5
 Departs Ipswich 4:30pm Leader: Russell Ph. 3282 5534

We will have our BYO BBQ in the park at the corner of Peace & Main Sts Lowood, there are a couple of takeaway if you prefer that. We will then walk a 6km section of the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail to Lockyer Ck, followed by a BYO supper. Bring a good torch.

CONTACTS

Ipswich Bushwalkers Inc - 2018-19 Club Executive Members		
Position	Name	Phone / e-mail
President	Russell	3828 5534
Vice-President	Celeste	0421 531 008
Secretary	Tiffany	0418 710 890; Ipswich_bushwalkers@yahoo.com.au
Treasurer	Barbara	0439 327 899 a/h
Other Office Bearers		
Emergency Contact	Jill	0490 505 256

CLUB NOTICES

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

FIRST AID CERTIFICATE

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

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

50% subsidy: all club members.

MEMBERSHIP FEES (Effective 1 July 2018)

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

PROCEDURE FOR USING THE EMERGENCY PHONE

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

MEETING VENUE

Club meetings are usually held on the first Sunday of the month, February to December inclusive. Meetings commence at 7.00pm. The meetings are held at the Leichardt One Mile Community Centre, 1 Denman Street, Leichardt.

Club mailing address: Ipswich Bushwalkers Inc
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