

## Toowoomba Bushwalkers Club Inc MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

### Membership fees

Annual Fee (1 September to 31 August)

Single/Family: \$36.00 Concession: \$30.00

Plus \$12 per person for each extra family member who joins to cover insurance.

We have a system of sliding fees if you join outside our normal membership year. Treasurer/membership contact officer can give you exact amount.

Call for a membership form or collect one at a meeting. Information is also available on our website.

### Liability Clause:

All participants in activities organised by TBWC participate at their own risk and are responsible for their own safety. TBWC, its office bearers and leaders are not liable for any injury, loss or damage suffered by participants whilst engaged in any TBC activities.

### Personal Accident Insurance

Walkers over 80 and under 6 are not covered by the club's personal accident insurance.

### Walker responsibility

It is the walker's responsibility to advise the Activity leader of any medication or any physical or other limitations that might affect participation in the Activity or place you or others at risk.

## GUIDELINES FOR VISITORS

In order to meet our duty of care to you and club members, and taking into consideration public liability issues, we would request visitors observe the following.

- You should never just turn up to a club walk without first contacting a club official or walk leader to get their approval to participate.
- We ask visitors to sign a form before they can participate in any walk or activity to ensure that they understand that walking, like many outdoor activities, can carry risks of injury.
- Visitors may only participate in three walks before they are required to become a financial member and so continue to join in club activities.
- Visitors should clearly understand what they should take with them on any walk
- Visitors, like members, should follow the instructions of the walk leader and follow reasonable directions.
- Visitors are asked, like members, to remain with the group and not go off on their own on any walk.



## Toowoomba Bushwalkers Club Inc

### CONTACTING US

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We meet at 7:30pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month (except December) at the St Anthony's hall at 3 Memory Street, Harristown.



## Welcome

Toowoomba Bushwalkers is a group of friendly people united by a common bond – the enjoyment of exploring out of the way places in good company. Our activities provide something for everyone, from challenging forays into the wilderness to relaxing weekends in beautiful places, from monthly social get togethers to fun night walks. We often have introductory walks, designed to introduce newcomers to the challenges and rewards of walking off the beaten track. More experienced members are ever ready to provide help and guidance where needed.

A bushwalking club is a great place to meet new people who share a love of the wonders of our world still unspoiled by the encroachment of civilisation. It is also a great place to discover, and share with others, special places you might not otherwise find by yourself. Come along to one of our meetings and enjoy the welcome I received when I first approached the club. Visitors can try two or three walks to see if some exercise and fellowship in the great outdoors are what they want, before they will be asked to formally join the club.

I look forward to meeting you and sharing your company somewhere in the bush

Regards,  
President

## About the Club

The Toowoomba Bushwalkers Club Inc organises a range of field outings and social activities. Each month we have a variety of walks and other activities. The difficulty of walks varies and caters for most skill levels although a basic level of fitness is still required as walks often involve steep climbs and uneven ground. Each walk is graded and pre-walked and a leader is appointed. Details of individual outings are available in the monthly newsletter “Footprint”, which

you will receive as a member. Check with the trip leader about equipment requirements etc. While the club caters for a range of experience levels we ask that you be honest about your ability when talking to a walk leader.

## Club History

Toowoomba Bushwalkers Club Inc was formed in 1974. Over the years there have been many great friendships formed as the club members have walked, swum, canoed, rafted, cycled, abseiled, dined and camped at some of the most beautiful countryside within our remarkable region.

## Where and when we meet

We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month (excluding December) at the St Anthony’s hall at 3 Memory Street, Harristown at 7.30pm. Meetings are a good way for visitors to meet members and find out about the upcoming activities and what the club does. Meetings always end with a social chat over supper.

## What we do

### Field activities include:

Day walks (1-2 per month), Weekend walks (1 per month), Pack walks, Trail walks, Weekend Camps, Night walks

### Other Activities through year include

Canoeing, Caving, White water rafting, Environment Days, Cycling, Navigation Days

### Social activities Include (one per month):

Sample local, low-cost eating venues, Christmas in July night, Barbeque night, Hot dish evening, Progressive Dinners

Visit our web site to see our planned activities for the coming year !!!

## Where we go

North, South West and East and all points in-between that are accessible for day and weekend walks. These include:

National Parks & State Forests  
(therefore costs are minimal)

South to the Warrumbungles, west to Carnarvon Gorge, north to Blackdown Tableland, east to the Moreton Bay islands, and all points in between!

## What equipment do you need?

### Day Walks - we suggest:

- Day pack
- Water for the day
- First Aid kit
- Strong walking shoes
- Sunscreen
- Food for the day
- Wet weather gear
- Warm clothes dependent on weather and season
- Hat
- Personal medication where required

(Many experienced walkers also make a habit of carrying a torch)

### Pack Walks

If you have not pack-walked before, discuss requirements with the walk leader

As Bushwalkers we believe in minimum impact practices when walking in the bush