

# BUSHWALKING CHRONOLOGY

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List as at 8 April 2021

- 1888 Bright Alpine Club (Victoria)
- 1889 Y.M.C.A. Ramblers
- 1894 Wallaby Club (Melbourne)
- 1884 Melbourne Amateur Walking and Touring Clubs (MAWTC) (For men only)
- 1885 Warragamba Walking Club (some say 1895)
- 1907 Orizaba Tourist Club, Sydney (For men only)
- 1908 Warragamba Walking Club. (For both men and women)
- 1914 Mountain Trails Club (Founders Myles Dunphy, Roy Rudder, Herbert Gallo)
- 1919 South-Western Expeditionary Club (Tasmania)
- 1922 Women's Walking Club (Melbourne)
- 1927 Sydney Bush Walkers
- 1929 Hobart Walking Club
- 1929 Northern Tasmanian Alpine Club
- 1930 National Parks Association of Queensland formed
- 1931 Boomerang Walking Club (YWCA), Queensland
- 1932 Federation of Bushwalking Clubs New South Wales<sup>1</sup>
- 1932 Cairns Alpine Club
- 1933 First camp at Binna Burra, Lamington National Park
- 1934 Victorian Federation of Walking Clubs
- 1934 Queensland Holiday Resorts incorporated (Binna Burra Lodge)
- 1934 Coast and Mountain Walkers (NSW)
- 1937 Western Walking Club (Perth)
- 1939 The Bush Club
- 1940 Melbourne Bushwalking Club
- 1944 Melbourne University Mountaineering Club
- 1946 Sydney University Bushwalking Club
- 1946 Launceston Walking Club
- 1946 Adelaide Bush Walkers Club
- 1947 Canberra Walking Club
- 1948 Brisbane Bushwalkers Club
- 1948 Victorian Mountain Tramping Club

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<sup>1</sup> Founding organisations were the Mountain Trails Club of New South Wales, The Sydney Bushwalkers, The Rucksack Club (Sydney, NSW), Workers Education Association Ramblers, Young Women's Christian Association Ramblers, Rover Ramblers, The Milperra Club of the YMCA, The Bush Tracks Club, The Bushlanders Club of New South Wales, and The Coast and Mountain Walkers of NSW. Also for name updates, see 1990 and 2013 below.

- 1950 University of Queensland Bushwalking Club formed
- 1956 Y.M.C.A. Ramblers Club went into recess
- 1958 Cairns Bushwalking Club commenced
- 1958 Brisbane Catholic Bushwalking Club Inc. formed (Inc in 1991)
- 1959 Y.M.C.A. Ramblers Club reopened
- 1962 YHA Queensland - main activity was bushwalking
- 1963 Family Bushwalking formed
- 1964 Binna Burra Bushwalkers Club formed
- 1965 Ipswich Catholic Bushwalkers Club formed
- 1965 Queensland Federation of Bushwalking Clubs formed
- 1965 YHA Bushies (started with YHA Qld in 1962)
- 1969 Wavell Bushwalking Club formed (Brisbane)
- 1969 Federation Mountain Rescue (formerly FBMSRS & before that BMSRS)
- 1969 Perth Bushwalkers Club
- 1970 Sutherland Bushwalkers
- 1970 Y.M.C.A. Ramblers Club went into recess
- 1974 Scripture Union Bushwalkers (changed name to Sydney Christian Bushwalkers 2008, incorporated as Sydney Christian Bushwalkers Inc. 2010)
- 1974 Toowoomba Bushwalkers Club Inc.
- 1974 Darwin Bushwalking
- 1975 Gold Coast Bushwalkers Club (8 April 1975)
- 1975 Sunshine Coast Bushwalking Club
- 1976 Northern Rivers Bushwalking Club
- 1977 Griffith University Bushwalking Society formed
- 1978 Capricornia Bushwalkers
- 1984 Bundaberg Bushwalking Club (incorporated in 1986)
- 1990 Federation of Bushwalking Clubs New South Wales (1932) changed name to the Confederation of Bushwalking Clubs of NSW
- 1991 Logan & Beaudesert Bushwalkers (Queensland)
- 1992 Glasshouse Bushwalkers Club Inc.
- 1999 Queensland Bushwalkers Club (5 January 1999 first meeting in Northgate)
- 2001 Ipswich Catholic Bushwalkers Club changed name to Ipswich Bushwalkers Inc.
- 2002 YHA Bushwalkers Qld Inc.
- 2003 Bushwalking Australia formed (Federation of State-based peak-body organisations who in turn have clubs and individuals as members. Northern Territory clubs are represented by South Australia and Australian Capital Territory clubs by New South Wales)
- 2003 Redland Bushwalkers Inc
- 2013 Confederation of Bushwalking Clubs of NSW changed to Bushwalking NSW
- 2019 Bushwalking Adventures Qld Inc (The Bushies)

## 2020 Bushwalker's Bar @ Groom's Cottage, Binna Burra in the Lamington National Park, Queensland, opens

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Nancy Hodge, Club Historian – Bushwalking Adventures Qld Inc.

Leonie Ball, President of Sydney Christian Bushwalkers and past President of Sutherland Bushwalkers.

Keith Maxwell, Honorary Historia, BNSW

Allison, Bundaberg Bushwalking Club



**You don't stop bushwalking when you get old.**



**You get old when you stop bushwalking!**