

THE TRUDGE

March 2020

SUNSHINE COAST BUSHWALKING CLUB

www.scbwc.com

Club meetings are on the first Monday of each month (excluding January)

7:30pm

Buderim Craft Cottage

corner Main St and Church St, behind Buderim War Memorial Hall

(If the first Monday falls on a holiday or long weekend the meeting is held the following Monday)

Scheduled walks and activities are listed on <http://scbwc.com/walks/>

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Please send walk reports and photographs to trudge@scbwc.com

Members should email media@scbwc.com if they are not receiving general email communications from the SCBWC.

If you are a SCBWC member, join our closed Facebook group.





(Not the) Full Lobster Creek Walk 16th January 2020

Russell, Jon, Jenni, Malcom, Julie, Michelle, Garry + Neralie

After a fairly wet fortnight leading up to this walk the odds of doing Lobster Creek were not good. Despite this 8 of us gathered at the Kenilworth bakery before heading out to Booloumba Creek, all of us in need of a walking fix. Water over the road before even reaching the usual creek crossings was probably not a good sign. The wet ground at B4 had us decide fairly quickly that Lobster Creek was not an option. So we opted for Plan B – a shorter alternative mostly on tracks and back by lunch. Easy enough!

The first part of the plan was soon executed – a 10km drive up the Booloumba Creek Rd before parking the cars and heading off on a gated 4WD track by 9am. The track was a bit overgrown but nothing too serious. Spotted a beautiful python curled up on the track followed by a sighting of the disappearing tail of a brown snake (we think). Glad I had those gaiters on.



Around morning tea time we reached the turnoff to a track which would take us back down the mountain towards the cars. However rather than stop in a wet grassy section with all the leeches we continued along the 4WD track a hundred or so metres to a drier spot. All good.



After smoko we had a bit of time up our sleeves so we thought we'd check out the 4WD track we were on just a bit more as it was new territory for all of us. However somehow we just kept going, following the track as it meandered through the forest, eventually finding ourselves walking on a dirt road through farmland with chooks and cows. We finally arrived on the Maleny-Kenilworth Rd – about 8.5km from our cars. I think we were now doing Plan C.

Russell had thought we might head back up the track we'd come down but after a brief chat to some farmers who were very surprised to see us this plan was aborted as the farmers weren't too keen on us doing this. So Plan C morphed into a road bash which was mostly in the sun. We were all pretty hot by the time we reached the Booloumba Creek turnoff 3.5km later. Only 5km to go!



Found a beautiful grassy, breezy spot on the side of the quieter Booloumba Creek Rd to have lunch, sharing the spot with a small herd of cows that were fortunately on the other side of the fence. Thankfully after lunch there was a bit more cloud cover – we were hoping for some rain but that didn't eventuate. But boy were we looking forward to those 2 creek crossings... we quickly forded the first crossing before throwing ourselves in the second one clothes, boots and all. It was fantastic and a real life saver as the sun was pretty brutal. We must have looked quite a sight to the steady flow of 4 wheel drivers heading across the creek crossing. Feeling somewhat revitalised from the swim we now all had energy enough to

make it back to B4.

Wasn't quite the walk we had in mind but it was a good solid training walk of 20km in 5 ¼ hours. Thanks Russell for a good day out. Might do Plan B next time instead when it is too wet for Lobster!



~~ Neralie Carr

Kinaba Walk

2nd February 2020

Elanda Point to Kinaba (return). Cooloola area. 2nd Feb 2020

Kinaba is a building, an un-manned information centre, a resting place for canoeists and a bird observation place. It is perched in shallow water and reeds, amongst mangroves and not far from the confluence of Kin Kin Creek and Lake Cootharaba. Bernhard led the walk, leaving from the Elanda Point canoe launching car park. Our group numbered 26 people – quite a large one – with many visitors.

Starting across the road from the car park in the trees, we set a cracking pace. Recently slashed, wide and grassy, the path was flat all the way to our destination. Re-growth trees such as blue gums, wattles, Moreton Bay ash and cabbage tree palms have now become established and we welcomed their shade.

In 1987 during my first year as a club member, this terrain was open paddocks with very few trees. I recall our group of 5, trudging and stumbling over uneven ground of ploughed dirt and tufts of wiry grass. It was hard going with the sticky, black clods. So in contrast, today's walk was a dream run!

In the vicinity of Kin Kin Creek, mosquitoes were in their 1000's – thirsting for blood. On reaching Kinaba, we were desperate to escape the mozzies so hurriedly entered the information room which thankfully had two flyscreen doors.

This two story timber building, clad in cypress pine, has an interesting history. Built by the Robertson Brothers of Gympie, work commenced in May 1978 and was completed by September. 168 piles were sunk for the building and walkways. It used to have two permanent QPWS staff when it opened and there were 50,000 visitors in the first year. Being isolated, it eventually suffered neglect and vandals. Rescue came from the "Friends of Kinaba" who restored it and they do ongoing voluntary work to maintain the place. Check out their website.



Thank you Bernhard for leading this interesting walk.

~~ Michelle Freeman



To cool off, we changed into our togs and splashed around in the brackish, tepid water in front of the building. At least with our bodies submerged, we avoided mozzie bites.

Snacks were enjoyed, the short walkways explored, and then we headed back the way we came. Walking 6 ½ kilometres back in the humid hot conditions was a bit tiring. We drank plenty of water and some of us had electrolyte drinks. We finished the walk about 12.30, four and a half hours after we started.



Mt Beerwah Base Walk 23rd February 2020



Russell Stark led a keen group of 20 for this walk around the base of Mt Beerwah. After meeting at the carpark under a good cloud cover and cooling breeze the group headed off on a anti clockwise circumference of Mt Beerwah. Following mostly fire trails or old forestry trails made for good walking with some care required around eroded areas. With the recent rains there were splashes of colour from the wildflowers appearing alongside the trail. After stopping for morning tea the last section of walk was an off track section that took us along a creek before heading back up to the entrance road a cooling breeze and short walk back to the cars. For many of the members on this walk it was an opportunity to get up close to Mt Beerwah without climbing it and explore an area they had not been to. Thanks again Russell, a great walk.

~~ Peter Nagel



Clean Up Australia 2020

1st March 2020

Thank you for helping out to clean up our community – Julie Nunn



At the AGM it was reported by the Treasurer that net assets of the club totalled over \$20,000 for the period 1/10/2018 to 30/9/2019. This meant that the financial records would need to be audited before submission of the Annual Return of Association to the Office of Fair Trading. David Otton and Associates of Alexandra Headland were asked to conduct the audit and ensure that the club's finances and bookkeeping processes were in place to adequately record the association's income and expenditure and dealings with its assets and liabilities. Thank you specifically to Val Wilson at Otton's for her diligence in this regard and for the low cost that was charged by this accounting firm for its service.

~~ Cheryl Stevens (Treasurer SCBWC)



HAPPY WALKING

And don't forget.....

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where you are.