

THE TRUDGE

July 2019

SUNSHINE COAST BUSHWALKERS INC.

PO Box 287 Buderim QLD 4556

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Meetings are monthly on the first Monday (*excluding January*)

7:30pm at Buderim Craft Cottage

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

Please check <http://sunshinecoastbushwalkingclub.com/walks.htm> for any changes.

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CLUB ACTIVITIES

Monday 1st July 2019 – Monday 5th August 2019

July 2019			
Mon 1st	SCBWC Club Meeting Buderim Craft Cottage 7:30pm		
Sat 6th – Sun 7th	Federation of Mountain Rescue Vertical Rescue	Phil Box	For more information, email Secretary at fmrqld@gmail.com
Sun 7th	Cooloola Wilderness Walk – Northern Section	Russell Stark 0404 235 195	LDW4B Members Only
Sun 7th	Mt Eerwah	Peter Nagel 0409 754 202	SDW6C – Limit 15 Prospective Members Welcome
Sat 13th – Sun 14th	Kirbys Road – Weekend Exploration & Camp	Peter Nagel 0409 754 202	Prospective Members Welcome
Thurs 18th – Sun 21st	Glenrock Weekend	Brian Manual 5448 3256	
Sat 20th – Sun 21st	Toolgoolwah Cycle	Malcolm and Jenni Rodley 5443 1739 or 0408 071 797	XCYC
Sun 21st	Mt Coolum Coolum National Parl	Rod and Karen Edwards 0407 965 254 0407 965 300	SDW3C Propsective Members Welcome
Sun 28th	Noosa Trail Loop	Dale & Ursula Bowden 0400 694 619	Limit 20 – Council Partnered Walk Prospective Members Welcome
Sun 28th	Mt Beerwah	Peter Fowler 0407 715 249	Limit 8 Members Only
August 2019			
Sun 4th	Palmview / Laxton Road Cycle	Peter Nagel 0409 754 202	CYC Prospective Members Welcome

CLUB ACTIVITIES (continued)

August (cont)			
Sun 4 th	Mooloolah River National Park	Malcolm and Jenni Rodley 5443 1739 0408 071 797	SDW3C - Council Partners Walk Prospective Members Welcome
Sun 4 th	Federation of Mountain Rescue – Basic Navigation	TBA	For more information, email Secretary at fmrqld@gmail.com
Mon 5 th	SCBWC Club Meeting Buderim Craft Cottage 7:30pm		



In a previous club meeting, Lyn Hewitt showed us her First Aid Kit that she keeps in her backpack while bushwalking. These are only suggestions to assist you with putting together your own kit for your backpacks.

- one snake bandage
- one melonin dressing 10cm x 10cm
- one pkt steri strips (holds wounds together) bigger sizes are more useful
- one small bottle betadine antiseptic (or similar)
- two skin cleansing wipes
- one triangle bandage (sling)
- one roll leukoplast or similar tape
- one small roll fixomol tape
- one pkt blister pads
- small scissors
- straight tipped tweezers
- 3 large safety pins

- four paracetamol tablets
- four neurofen tablets
- six gastro stop capsules

Jacks Place – Easter 19-22 April 2019



Saturday 20th April – Mt Maroon Summit

I've learned a few new things since I started with the club and this weekend most importantly I learned that I'm not as adept at the English language as I thought I was. Clearly I've not understood the word "scramble". I'd previously been on an introductory creek hop which was described as a bit of rock hopping up the creek with a bit of a scramble here and there so when we'd come to a rather exposed steep rock face without too much mother earth around it and it was decided we'd climb up this rather daunting obstacle I assumed this had been a bit of a slip up in the navigation as to me this was clearly "rock climbing without ropes" - so this weekend when we did our first days hike to the caves on Mount Maroon at the marvellous Jacks Place and came to some similarly daunting uprights I was beginning to see a pattern. So I delicately enquired as to how this scramble compared to my anticipated Day 2's hike to the top of Mount Maroon and learned "well if you consider this an 8 then tomorrow might be a 7 1/2" so I took that knowledge, had a little talk to myself and decided to follow the advice I'd heard a few of the other ladies give themselves - "toughen up princess" - and do the summit hike.

We agreed on an early start to shuffle cars to both start and finishing points of our loop. We began around the back of the mountain somewhere past a winery along a flattish area (I'm clearly no navigator). We gathered for a breather to get some directions from Peter after he made reference to his trusty GPS - and I love his casual, no fuss instructions - "we're going to "nip" up there and "meander" for a way through the bush, okay." And so we did - although the nipping was actually stomping as we ploughed knee high through the tall grass and vines. The vegetation got quite thick in areas requiring a cooee or a whistle at times to keep the group together. It was hot and humid so we were all soaked in sweat by the time we pulled up for morning tea in a protected spot tucked in from a ridge that looked out across at a truly impressive cliff face with fantastic views out over the farmlands.

From this point the track started to get pretty steep and rocky which was challenging at times as the previous rainy evening had left the rocks a bit slippery in parts. Linda took a bit of a tumble but came up still smiling. Fortunately Larry had been there to help her. She was such a trooper - she'd had a crook stomach from the get-go and was feeling very underpowered the entire hike but with that "toughen up princess" attitude remarkably soldiered on. Russell was pushing on ahead

trying to pick a not too difficult path, mindful of the rookie (me) in tow. He stopped at one section to ask us, "this little chimney's not too bad but it's a bit slippery - want to give it a go?" Then further on, "oh, that's not going to work, I'll have to come back down and go around - or you can jump across and take the lead from where you are if you want" - "hell no" was my reply. "I'll back down and follow you please." And so we continued onwards and upwards in this fashion with those ahead of me offering all of their expertise and much needed help. While my fingers were anxiously pawing at the rocks searching for anything to grip onto I was willing my too short legs to



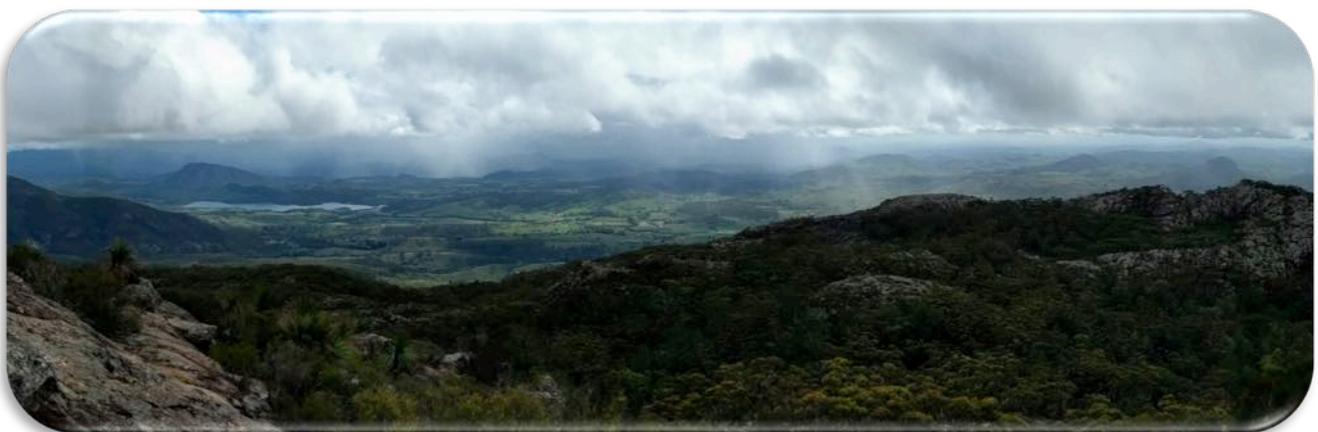
Jacks Place - Saturday 20th April (cont)

magically elasticise to reach the next groove. The higher we climbed the more edgy I got as I'm not too good with heights - something I'm trying to re-educate myself about). Sensing this, Bernard, the amazingly accomplished bushwalking octogenarian, who was so calmly scampering up the rocks around me asked if I was alright to which I could only answer "no and yes" - what else can you say when you're feeling like you're in a scene from one of those movies where the astronaut is doing a space walk in danger of spinning off into outer space at every slight movement of the hand.

Amazingly I made it to the summit with Verina giving me a hand up in the final sketchy bits. Light rain began falling just as we all finished the climb - the sky became a whiteout so no spectacular views but I really didn't care as the sense of relief having made it to the top was enough. We were at something like 960 metres I think. There other hikers at the top who'd come up the regular track in search of a view. The sky started to clear a little as we headed a short way back down the other side, out of the wind, to sit down for lunch and soak up the whole experience with a view across of some wonderful mushroom looking ridges lush with new growth around a crater with gullies begging to be hiked.

The hike back down the regular track didn't disappoint either with masses of enormous grass trees dotted amongst boulders and magnificent sheer cliff faces standing up tall with sheets of rain misting out over their peaks - very surreal - I think Leanda got some great shots of this. Russell jumped into a fabulously hollowed-out-by-nature boulder for a quick snapshot along the way down - a regular stop it seems. My legs were starting to complain of weariness and I think we were all happy to make our way down to the cars ... only hiccup - in the mad dash in the morning to drop his car at the finish Larry had returned to Jacks Place to gear up for the walk and forgot to pack his keys so he copped a resounding chorus of "Laaaaarry! But it all worked out - Leanda truly enjoyed the stroll back along the country road to unwind and after a brief rest up Bernard also followed suit. Verina and I held out a little longer but began to cool down so had just started to stroll back too when Don came hurtling along the road and we were ferried back to Jacks Place for a hot shower and time out to digest the sheer magnitude of the day's achievements. Truly a remarkable experience!!! Thanks ever so much to Peter for organising and leading this unforgettable hike. And I must thank Russell, Bernard, Ron and Verina for weaving a safe pathway for me to follow up the sketchy sections and for the ever-calming chat and laughter of Julie, Larry, Peter and Leanda behind me - a wonderful group to share this experience with.

~~ Cheers, Taylor



Jacks Place – Easter 19-22 April 2019

Easter Sunday 21st April - Paddy's Peak South of Mt Maroon

Leader Peter Fowler with Leanda, Ron, Varina, Russell, Taylor and Larry

Paddy's Peak is located on a ridgeline running from Mt May down to Barney Creek near Drynan's Hut. The walk to Paddy's Peak starts at Drynan's Hut and heads up the Golden Staircase (a very steep hill!) to a large dry waterfall with a huge drop. Some exploration around the waterfall before heading off crosscountry to Paddy's Peak. GPS navigation required as the rest of the day's walk was off track.

We enjoyed morning tea on the way under the reasonably open forest understory, looking out to Mt Maroon that we had climbed on the Saturday.

After a few hours walking on the side slopes, the right leg shorter than the left for most of the way, we summited Paddy's Peak. The Easter Rabbits circled the rock cairn for a photo.



The walk back to Drynan's Hut followed a long narrow ridge with Mt Maroon on the left and Mt Barney on the right, spectacular and varying views of the mountains all the way.

At one point I sought a consensus from the group of which way to proceed when confronted with a large rocky

knoll to navigate around/over.

Veer to the left? Turn to the right? Up and over? Or go my way?

Two chose veer to the left, none to the right, none my way, up and over we went! A good choice as it turned out, a great spot for lunch with a beautiful view to Mt Maroon.

An exceptional walk, not too long ... 5 hours.

~~ Peter Fowler





Our not so small group of 18 met at Stan Topper park at Pomona and from there we car pooled a short distance to the start of this short walk.

Overall the track was quite muddy and slippery with a few sections that challenged our ability to remain on our feet. We also crossed several moss encrusted timber boardwalks that needed concentration in order not to slip. This short hike had a good number of very small ups and downs that stretched the legs and lungs nicely. From the noise of our overall chatter I think we all enjoyed a catch up and socialising with hiking buddies old and some new too.

We were soon back at our cars and returned to Stan Topper park where some of the group headed for home and others remained at the park to have lunch.

As always, it was good to be out in the bush. Thanks for leading the walk Russell.

~~Linda Gregory

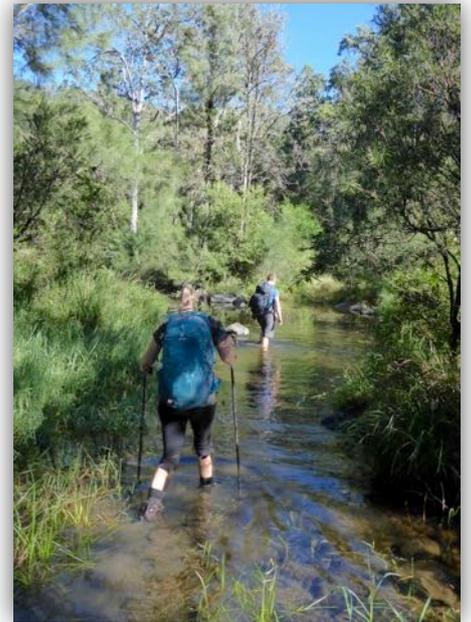


West of Spikes 5th May 2019



This was a walk I first did with Al Green back in August 2016. As I had not done it since then and Al is no longer part of the club, I decided to lead it. Since having a GPS I record most walks I do on it and can then use the route to do the walk again. Being a longer, harder walk there were not a lot taking it on and a few cancellations after that, which left us with a nice group of 4. We headed to the start at the top of McAlister Management Trail in one car.

From here it was packs on and down the fore mentioned trail. Taking the direct route it was a rapid descent to Little Yabba Creek. At this point we had the first of 4 creek crossings. Recent rain had the creek running higher than normal and a muddy track after that. The second crossing saw water well over the tops of our boots, for those who choose to wear them for the crossing. We then went past the old Spikes Hut site. Now just a few burnt pillars and the roof basically on the ground. The track for the next section has been fully covered with grass, due to recent rain and reduced grazing. The track could still be roughly seen as it followed along above the creek. We dropped twice for the final 2 crossings. The last of which saw the bottom of our shorts get wet. It was then another couple of further undulations. Here we saw some deer on the hillside above us. And it was also time for some morning tea.



The trail we were on then stopped following the creek and headed away from it. This saw us heading up hill for the next 2-3km. A lot of this was at a good gradient and got our hearts going at a rapid pace. The day had started off a little cool, but by now was warming up nicely. Therefore finding a shady spot for a break was welcome and with a cool breeze even better. The top was finally reached and the trail returned to more of an undulation. A spot for lunch was found.



Feeling somewhat refreshed we carried on along the trails with the GPS guiding us at a number of junctions. We then found our way to Summer Creek Road and down that to the Great Walk's Track. We then followed the track past the Summer Falls Camp Site. Then it was onto one of the pre Great Walk Track which took us through to Sunday Creek Road. Here I heard Sue's fitbit watch beeping when we stopped. It was asking her if the workout was over! She advised it no, it like the rest of us I think felt we had already done a very good workout. It was onto to Sunday Creek Rd for the final few hundred meters back to the car. Near the end the watch also beeped to advise over 1000m of elevation gain and being

a circuit, that also meant that much drop. The circuit had taken us about 7 and a half hours we had covered around 22km. All and all a good days walk.

Thank you Leanda, Linda and Sue for your company on this most enjoyable day.

Mountain Circuit – Conondale National Park

12th May 2019

We met at the Charlie Moreland day picnic site with Sam Rowe as our walk leader. Piled into a few 4-wheel drive vehicles for a half hour ride to take us up the mountain.

We were treated to varied scenery with many tree varieties lining the path as we progressed, including some lovely stands of ghost gums.

A very sleepy snake stopped us in our tracks- he stayed where he was, allowed photo's and evidently was going nowhere. We all side stepped him. Those at the back of the group getting more nervous to pass incase he was waking up and might be looking for weaker morsels.

We stopped for lunch and found it was not a designated leech free spot when our walk leader (who selected the spot) woke us all up with a spectacular squeak and leap into the air! Many of us decided to make life more challenging for the leeches and prudently stood to consume the rest of our lunch. Of note, there was a small group of the experienced be prepared types who sat nonchalantly smiling and watching all the jumping while munching in their luxurious chairs..! Mmm, maybe a chair is worth the weight after all?

During the drive down, the author scratched her head and found her hand covered in blood. A head loving leech had obviously had a very good feed! On return to the picnic spot there were also some foot loving leeches found among a few others in the group. Mmm, maybe salt is worth the weight?

Beautiful scenery, good company, leeches and a sleepy snake combined to make a memorable and lovely day.

~~ Karin Thomas

Parklands Circuit

19th May 2019

Nambour McCafe was a cheery and convenient meeting place for our resolute group of 14, quite a contrast to the pouring rain outside. After enjoying a pre-adventure coffee we car pooled to Parklands Conservation Park and stepped out into the mud.

Our luck was in as there was no smell from the near-by Nambour Tip which, we were told, can stink in hot weather. In fact the bush smelt wonderful. There is nothing like the smell of gum trees after rain.

This article is appearing in the 'Trudge' which is appropriate because we did quite a lot of trudging up the so-called 'short & sharp' hills Russell hinted at in his write up. At least the rain disappeared quite quickly and conditions became perfect for hiking.

It was a beautiful walk through ferns, palms and gum trees - many with striking red or white trunks and some lovely views to Mr Ninderry. We walked past a nice little private camping ground that accesses the Parkland trails. For those interested it is called [Hidden Valley at Gro Mad Plantations](#). Bernard found a perfect spot for morning tea on a very long fallen tree that kept a lot of our backsides high and dry.

I discovered that it doesn't pay to complain about hills or slippery tracks as the club mantra gets trotted out: 'we are nearly there, there are no more hills and we are not lost'. Thanks Russell not getting lost and a top hike!

~~ Beren Coulthard

Coastal Path Walk – Bell’s Creek to Currimundi Lake

15th May 2019

6 members and 2 visitors meet at Currimundi Lake for a lovely coastal walk, rainy clouds were brewing overhead but that was okay we weren’t doing anything too hard core... then Alf bundled us all into a couple of cars to head to our destination, Bells Creek our actual starting point, oh our coffee (pub) crawl didn’t sound quite as relaxing anymore. Even street signage maps along the track weren’t big enough to fit our entire walk in, only 12kms Alf advises the troupes, it wasn’t until 1/3 way we see our end point on any map.

We had a very enjoyable walk all said and told, the rain did arrive as the clouds promised but only at the start of our walk and the remainder was perfect walking weather, with most of us needing to take layers off and bring out hats and sunnies for most of the way. This part of the coast used to be my stomping ground for almost 20 years, but I never knew of or seen the site of the first clubhouse for North Caloundra SLSC, you just never know what you will discover when out exploring our wonderful region. Great conversation was enjoyed by everyone and the walk provided lovely views for the bulk of the journey. We stopped at various locations to learn a bit more of the coasts history and enjoyed a well earned morning tea and coffee at Kings Beach.

And even though I teased about the length of our walk, we were all surprised at how quickly we arrived at our destination, kms just fly by when shared with a lovely crew.

Thanks Alf and Cheryl for a lovely morning and walk in the park.



~~~ Loretta Taylor



The Walk That Wasn't... well sometimes things just don't go according to plan. There were showers, as there had been every day for the last few weeks, and we started off down Bottle and Glass Break in cloud mist. Straightforward, just a few quagmires to be negotiated. The descent through the shrubbery to the rock platform above the first falls was, as always, steep and challenging, with a tricky drop off at the bottom leading to more than a few muddy bums. But from there the walk turned pear-shaped.



It wasn't the volume of water coming down which was the problem, but the rock which was everywhere covered in slime and like black ice. Almost impossible to navigate, lethal. Crouching low we crossed the platform and headed upstream towards the second falls, with a little better foothold on the banks. But there we were halted, our usual (and only viable) route up the falls just too dangerous due to the wet slippery rock. Running out of options - retracing our steps was hazardous - we took to the slopes and eventually, after some steep scrambling, managed to attain a more or less level spot at an elevation above the second falls, which were

still in front of us with a tricky intervening gully.

At this point we decided that further progress was too dangerous, given that we were still some distance from the third falls which themselves required a direct ascent up the face, and then several kilometers of rock-hopping up the creek to negotiate, so we had a cup of tea. In the rain.



Peter's GPS told us that the track by which we came in was only 70 m away, which we soon found, and backtracked out. So we got to do the 300 m ascent but not the promised "brutal" section at the end. The challenges of the morning and the beauty of the place were very satisfying however, and it was, after all, a minor adventure (fortunately without misadventure!). And so we returned in high spirits, to bright sunshine. Ah well, that's how it sometimes goes.



~~ Peter Fowler

## Sunshine Coast Council Major Grants Community Facilities March 2019

Congratulations! The Sunshine Coast Council is pleased to advise our application for funding for the project titled "Walking Track - Kirbys Road Obi Obi" has been successful and has been funded to the amount of \$7,500 (+ GST if applicable)

### **What are we going to do ...**

Walking track planning design and construction in accordance with council's Kirbys Road Environmental Reserve Master Plan and Kirbys Road Environmental Reserve Management Plan

### **Who will benefit ...**

Council's Master Plan vision for the Kirbys Road Environmental Reserve is "to provide an ecologically diverse and attractive bushland reserve that provides passive and active recreation educational functions for the community"

The Sunshine Coast Bushwalkers Walking Track Project will assist to advance this vision by providing access to passive and active recreation opportunities in the reserve.

The whole of the Sunshine Coast will benefit as the Kirbys Road Environmental Reserve is a Sunshine Coast asset with high environmental value.

### **How the project will achieve Community Facilities priorities ...**

The Sunshine Coast Bushwalkers Walking Track Project will assist to advance council's vision by providing access to passive and active recreation opportunities in the reserve in accordance with council's Kirbys Road Environmental Reserve Master Plan and Kirbys Road Environmental Reserve Management Plan.

### **Special mention ...**

The grant application received special mention in council's general meeting agenda for ...

"Addressing Council's priority to encourage the community to lead and guide nature-based recreation projects and will be funded by Council's endorsed Recreation Trails Activation Budget "

Peter Fowler  
Grants officer

**This project is proudly supported by Sunshine Coast Council's grants program**





## Jacks Place Larapinta Falls, Lower Portals 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Sam, Garry, Chris, Dot, Sue, Neralie

In search of an adventure six of us headed off early from Jack's Place into the Lamington wilderness with the aim of finding the Larapinta Falls. Many challenges awaited us as we donned layers of protective armour: gaiters and gloves with a few pocketing secateurs.

It wasn't long before we were confronted with the first obstacle, a fallen log high above the creek which fortunately we all safely negotiated. Heading up the south branch of Christmas Creek via a rough track we encountered a beautiful rainforest complete with soaring trees, palms, fallen logs, slippery mossy rocks, waterfalls, pools, lantana, wait-a-while, Gympie stinging trees, muddy slopes

and an assortment of fungi, all accompanied by the sounds of a flowing creek. Would we survive unscathed?

We indulged in morning tea at the site of Westray's Grave, which lies in a peaceful glade close to the creek. Westray was the Englishman who attempted to walk out after the Stinson plane crash in 1937. Although he survived the plane crash he died as a result of injuries from falling down one of the waterfalls that he encountered as he tried to get help for 2 of his fellow passengers.

From the grave we headed further upstream, now off trail with lots of rock-hopping and numerous creek crossings. Progress was pretty slow – the falls seemed elusive and determined not to be found. Surely we hadn't missed them? With every turn of the creek we were faced with more thick rainforest, rocks and logs. Finally a shriek signalled the sighting of these magnificent falls pouring down a sheer cliff in the distance. We felt as though we had discovered a hidden treasure. It took a bit more scrambling



before we reached its base. A vertical drop of over 50m, probably enhanced by recent rains – truly stunning.

As luck would have it another group arrived at the same time. They were braver than us and actually ventured into the freezing waters of the pool at the base of the falls. We weren't that silly!

After lunch we headed back by the same route, ever mindful of the slippery rocks. A REALLY AWESOME ENJOYABLE walk! Thanks to Sam for leading the trip and to Garry for his trailblazing. Seeing the falls was a first for all us and I'm sure it won't be the last.



~~ Neralie Carr

## Sunday Creek Road – Summer Falls 26<sup>th</sup> May 2019

A day where the sun was shining bright with that late autumn cool morning greeted us for the start our Summer Falls walk. A small but committed group of 9 met at Charlie Moreland for our short drive up Sunday Creek road to our starting point.



Morning tea at Summer Falls

Heading off along the Great Walk the track was surprisingly dry after the recent wet weather, the walk provided plenty of opportunity to stop and photograph the large number of fungi that were popping up everywhere. Morning tea at the falls which had a good flow and the waterholes were looking very enticing. The walk back to our starting point finished off our 8/9km morning walk. Thanks to Alf for leading this walk.



Guess who brought the Fungi Guide?



~~ Peter Nagel

## Trachyte Circuit Glasshouse Mountains National Park 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2019

After heading off in drizzling rain from the Tibrogargan trailhead, the weather soon improved to a warm and partially sunny day. We followed the Trachyte circuit in a clockwise direction before turning onto the Tibrogargan track and taking in view from the foot of the mountain. At the next intersection we rejoined the Trachyte track, which took us through open woodlands and heath understorey. After a gentle incline we arrived at Jack Ferris lookout for morning tea refreshments and sweeping views. The tracks were in excellent condition and there were plenty of other walkers, climbers and abseilers enjoying the great outdoors as well.



Overall the walk covered around 7.5 km with a modest elevation gain/loss of approximately 150m and a walking time of under 2 hours. This was an ideal walk for the 5 council partnered visitors and 6 prospective members, not to mention the 11 club members in attendance. There was plenty of opportunity to meet and mingle along the way. Everyone seemed to enjoy the outing and we may be seeing some new faces at the next meeting. Thanks Sam for leading well selected walk and providing the usual morning Hedgehog (the sweet, not the mammal).

~~ Ian Greggery

# Mooloolah River National Park

## 13<sup>th</sup> June 2019

**Distance** - 9km approximately.

**Time** - 3 hrs. 8.15 – 11.30 (including morning tea break)

**Temperature** - 24 C (no rain)

The walk commenced from Cordyline Place, in the Brightwater estate. There's plenty of parking and a public toilets on the oval. We followed the concrete footpath for the first 300 metres and then veered left into the coastal heathland. This unsigned track can be a little hard to find, so you need to keep your eyes out for it. We walked under Kawana Way motorway where we accessed the Mooloolah River National Park and where the Melaleuca track begins.



The Melaleuca track leads you through a Scribbly Gum forest and then into Banksia aemula woodlands. Here we made a left hand turn onto the Aemula Track. This track opens onto the wet heathland and then onto Blackbutt open forest. At the T intersection we turned left onto the Boronia Track. We enjoyed morning tea at the Claymore Road end of the Boronia Track. There's a car park there with an information board. This is the only place where we noticed a couple of mosquitoes. Then we retraced our footsteps on the Boronia track until we made our way onto the Littoralis Track (*Allocasuarina littoralis* is the botanical name for the black sheoak). This track runs alongside the Kawana Way Motorway until it turns right and meets up with the Melaleuca track and the walk

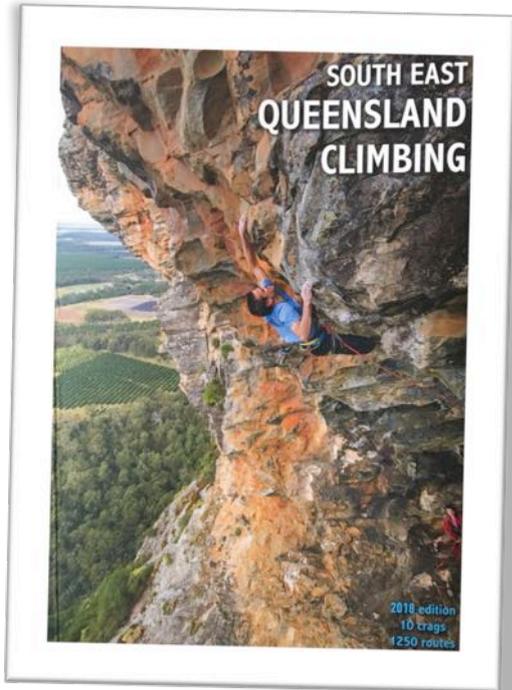
back to the start. The tracks are all wide enough to accommodate a car and the walk was mostly flat, with only the slightest rise here and there. It's a lovely walk to do in the cooler months. There's also a nice coffee shop at the Brightwater estate shopping centre. (The small rosetted plant that Julie Nunn liked was either a *Drosera pygmaea* or *burmanni*, both Sundews and the small 3 lobed purple flowers were either the native iris or the hairy native iris).



~~ Christine Roberts

A new addition to the club library "South East Queensland Climbing".  
 An excellent resource for abseiling and climbing routes, many on the Sunshine Coast.  
 This reference book has been purchased through the Get Going Clubs Grant.

~~ Peter Fowler



## HAPPY WALKING

And don't forget.....

You're not lost if you don't  
 care where you are.

