



**SUNSHINE COAST
BUSHWALKING CLUB**
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July 2020

**No club meeting 6th July due to COVID-19 restrictions
Club activities have recommenced**

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 activities are on <https://www.scbwc.com/activities>

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





How can we put a person on the moon or foretell planetary alignments years in advance, yet still fail to put together accurate weather forecasts? In the week leading up to our first walk back from the isolation of COVID 19 restrictions, there was prediction of torrential rain and cool winds. Fortunately for the 5 of us joining Michelle on a walk from Sunrise Beach to Hell's Gates, we were instead met with a spectacular walking day and rain which only came once we were safely tucked in at home with a cup of tea.

The smaller group size made for good conversation as we walked along Sunrise Beach on low tide. It seemed most of Sunrise was out enjoying the relaxation of social restrictions too. As we entered the National park, the crowds thinned and we stepped onto the rocky outcrop known as the Devil's Kitchen, looking out from the headland at the southern end of Alexandria Bay with excellent views of the coastline to Coolum and beyond. Although conditions were kind, it wasn't hard to imagine spectacular waves breaking in rough weather. Our imagines were fuelled by Michelle's tales of childhood escapades with her brothers exploring sea caves and swimming out to rock formations named variously after animals or explorers. Gannets performed spectacular plunge dives into the ocean at high speed as if to mimic her adventurous spirit.

From there it was another beach walk along Alexandria Bay and towards the more populous route of Hell's Gates. Whilst we all felt a little confined by the tourist track, our minds were quickly distracted by the sight of a pod of at least 20 dolphins frolicking near the Fairy Pools, oblivious to any need for social distancing.

We returned to Sunrise via the Tanglewood track, pausing briefly for lunch and time to reflect on the pleasure of being able to get out once more for fresh air, interesting company and the joy of being in the great outdoors.

Thank you to Michelle for leading the walk and providing some fascinating local insights into the area.

~~ Pamela Hudson



Ubajee Circuit 14th June 2020

It had been raining overnight, but by meeting time had stopped. Would my first club walk after the Covid19 shutdown be a wet one? I waited outside the Mapleton Library to meet up with 3 other club members and five first time visitors. All present we did the short drive to Mapleton Falls.

Here the walk started on the Great Walk Track. As we neared the Crossing of Delica Rd, lite rain started. It only really lasted long enough for us to get out jackets / umbrellas on /up. That would be all till a little after lunch. It was on past Linda Garret and through some nice bush. We emerged on to the horse trails that are also part of the Great Walk. We continued to make progress towards our morning tea stop at Ubajee Camp. We saw a few runners come past us. We also saw some fungi and a pyramid about a meter square that had been made out of sticks. With the camp reached it was morning tea time.

We then made our way onto Ghurlla Falls. Here was photo time with social distancing. Here progress slowed as the hill made it's presence known. On reaching Delica Rd the hill made it's presence fully felt and all learned just how steep hills can get. With some effort we all made it to the top, the big challenge over. Here we enjoyed a quick bite of lunch. It was then back onto Delica Rd after a bit more bush. At a very similar spot to where the lite rain started that morning, the rain again started. Only this time it wasn't so lite, indeed reasonably heavy for winter rain and staying with us until after the cars had been reached.

Walk was completed around 2.30 giving a total time of around 5 ½ hours. We covered around 15km.

~~ Russell Stark

Buderim Circuit 21st June 2020

It was good to have five prospective members join us for the Buderim Circuit. We totalled 13 and meet at the Craft Cottage.

There was a brief history lesson along the way on.... Buderim Bowls Club, Harry's Restaurant building, Buderim Post Office site and Muffler Factory.

We wove our way to Martin's Creek Road, which is quite steep, but gave excellent mountain views north. At the lower part of this road there was a brief bush bash to Harry's on Lindsay Road.

From here we followed the paths and boardwalk to the top of Buderim Forest Park, then following the high section of Lindsay Road into Tom Richard Park, where the old train line from Palmwoods was, all the while also being the headwaters of Martins Creek.

Our walk to the west side of Tulip Lane gave us good views towards the Blackall Ranges.

And from there it was a walk through town back to our meeting point. The outing was three hours.

Thanks to all who participated.

~~ Malcolm Rodley



Not Mt Beerburum Summit and Yul-Yan-Man track 28th June 2020

A small but enthusiastic group of club members met at the trail head at Beerburum. The weather was drizzly, but not awful so we agreed to press on, but avoid the more exposed, potentially slippery walk that was planned. Instead we stuck to the more sheltered wooded areas of Glasshouse Mountains National Park and took the Soldiers Settlers track to the Trachyte Circuit, looped around via Jack Ferris lookout and back. The rain teased, easing off and allowing us to have morning tea perched on a mossy log or reclining on a Helinox trekking chair. There was lots of chat and laughter in the group and we enjoyed the surrounding peaks of Tibrogargan and Tibberowuccum swirling in cloud and the spectacular grass trees, which were in full flower.

Marilyn pointed out the seed pod of an orchid and we all were interested to learn it was called 'dogs balls' but then she disappointed us by



correcting it to 'shepherd's crook'.



The new pathway alignment and sandstone blocks for the creek crossing on the Trachyte Circuit are worth checking out if you haven't been in a while. Certainly a great improvement on the old track. As we made our way back the rain started to get more persistent but didn't seem to have dampened enjoyment of the excursion. We finished at about 12.30 and my phone reckoned we had walked about 11km. Thanks to Julie and Marilyn for organising the walk.



~~ Clare Staines

Kirbys Road, Obi Obi A Partnership with Sunshine Coast Council

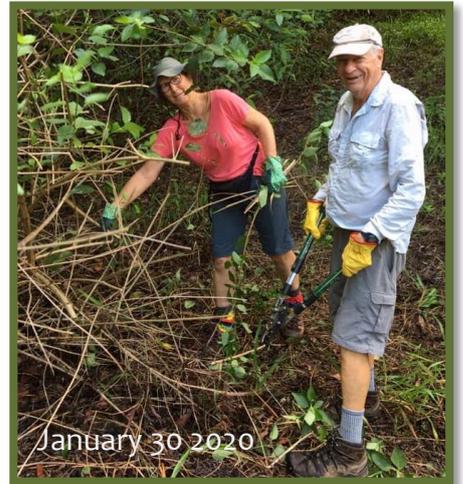


A very busy month at Kirbys, over 1600 metres of new trail has been constructed. The small excavator driven by Chris from Trackworx was kept busy 40 hours a week for 4 weeks. Following the excavator each day at a safe distance was a team of 3 to 4 club volunteers, raking, rocking, trimming, tamping and tramping. The sensitive nature of the final 50 metres of trail meandering through rainforest necessitates construction by hand tools, a work in progress as construction is much slower

without the excavator.

In the coming month the trail will be walked and walked again as general trail tidying is carried out and improvements to drainage outlets to protect the trail from rain runoff.

Over 900 club volunteer hours has been put to planning, route finding, shed building, travel time and track construction. Track construction to date has consumed 322 volunteer hours.



Of significance during construction was the discovery by Helen of an indigenous hand carved axe head and the identification and protection of several endangered *Rhodamnia rubescens* (Scrub Turpentine). An archaeologist and a Jinibarra representative are due on site to discover more of the story surrounding the axe head.

Making up all those volunteer hours were Peter N, Peter F, Joe, Alf, June, Julie, Don, Helen, Graeme, Rick, Garry and Linda. Kimberley and Kurt from council were also seen on the tools.



On Sunday the 19th of July a club walk at Kirbys will be led by Joe. The walk will explore the Reserve and of course the new trail. Join Joe for this discovery walk.

The Kirbys Road Reserve is located in the Upper Mary River catchment with permanent and seasonal creeks flowing into the lowland reaches of the Obi Obi Creek. A range of significant biodiversity values are protected. The reserve was purchased by council in 2011 under the Environment Levy Land Acquisition Program.



~~ Peter Fowler



News from the Digital Media Officer

How is everyone going with the new Calendar for our club activities on the website? It's quite exciting that we do have walks happening these days and you have the ability to plan for your future walks through the Calendar. Have you had a chance to look at the details of a specific walk and 'add to your calendar'? This was a feature that a few members had requested to make it easier to load their personal calendars and remind them of future walks. Give it a try.

Please remember that at the **end of July**, Rod Edwards, Walks Coordinator, will no longer be emailing the members a list of the month's walks. We will be getting the Calendar loaded with future walks through to 13th September when we have our Walks Planning Session at Foote Sanctuary. Right now we're confirming the details from our walk leaders before loading the database.

Our Facebook page has 64 members now.....not bad with a club membership of 117 members, but I know there are more of you out there that may want to be able to see what the club members get up to. If you're unsure how to join, just email me and I'll give you hand.

~~ Julie Nunn



HAPPY WALKING

And don't forget.....

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

Keep safe and share a smile with others. It could make their day.