

THE TRUDGE

April 2021

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

7:30pm

Buderim Men's Shed
38 Advance Road, Kuluin

(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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Maroochy Regional Bushland Botanical Garden

Thursday 25 March 2021



Our walk leader Cheryl greeted us on a pleasant sunny Thursday at the beautiful Maroochy Botanical Gardens. We were guided through some of the many trails that are in the Gardens beginning with a walk through the Sculpture Garden.

We finished our very pleasant walk with a coffee and freshly made scones with jam and cream at the kiosk.

Many thanks to Cheryl

Tuchekoi Trails (Pomona)

Sunday 28 March 2021

Tuchekoi Walk Quiz - 28th March 2021

Q1 How many people started the walk with Michelle?

- a) 9.5
- b) 20 (but only 3 returned)
- c) 15

Q2 What does Tuchekoi mean?

- a) Unpronounceable place near Pomona
- b) Much hotter than you expected for late March
- c) Place of fig trees (even though you didn't see any figs as the walk was through eucalypt forest with outstanding black butt, scribbly gum, bloodwood, casuarina, brush box, ironbark and tallow wood).

- Q3 How far was the walk?**
- a) 13km (as per pre-walk brief)
 - b) 14km (as per mid-walk revised target due to optional extension)
 - c) 14.7km (as per average of all GPS tracking equipment taken on walk)

- Q4 What are the mysterious holes found whilst walking?**
- a) Easter rabbit burrows
 - b) Bigfoot claw marks
 - c) Bandicoot holes



- Q5 When answering a multiple choice, what response should you choose?**
- a) Do not answer, thank Michelle for another great walk then go for a drink
 - b) Depends on what you win
 - c) C

Jack's Place

Friday 2 April 2021 – Monday 5 April 2021



Bushwalkers for all 3 days: Neralie & Gary C, Russell S, Chris V, Peter F, Leanda L, Julie N, Warren H, Michelle F. (with various leaders)

Good Friday 2/4/21

The Golden Staircase, Paddy's Falls & Paddy's Peak.

Recent flooding had washed the long, skinny log away, so it was shoes off to cross the swift flowing Mount Barney Creek. The thigh-deep water was very refreshing and thankfully, no-one fell in. We followed the fire trail at an easy pace, but it steepened at the Golden Staircase.

Shortly after, we did a side trip to visit the awesome Paddy's Falls with its 40 metre drop. Skirting around the precarious cliff-line, we followed Peter to a viewing boulder to watch the cascading waterfall.

Then it was cross country through some chest-high cobbler's pegs and weeds, and up a steep hill to a saddle. After a second saddle, the gradient increased steeply again and we found ourselves standing on Paddy's Peak. Around us were piles of rocks, scratchy bushes and more cobbler's pegs – but the view was first rate!

Our return hike descended a distinct ridge, showcasing Mount Maroon on our left, and the rugged Mount Barney on our right. We took our shoes off again to cross the creek.

Back at Jack's Place, after unloading our gear, Neralie discovered that her boots were missing. Back they went to Drynan's Hut to search for them, but had no luck.

The weather had been kind to us today – early morning mist and a sprinkle of rain, but it became sunny after that.



Where is the log?

Easter Saturday 3/4/21

Not the Larapinta Falls

Not another log!

The huge tree trunk spanning the fast torrent of Christmas Creek was impassable. Dangerous and slippery. We moved to Plan B and waded across it, getting wet, chilled feet. The rough and muddy path followed the creek edge, in a dripping rainforest.

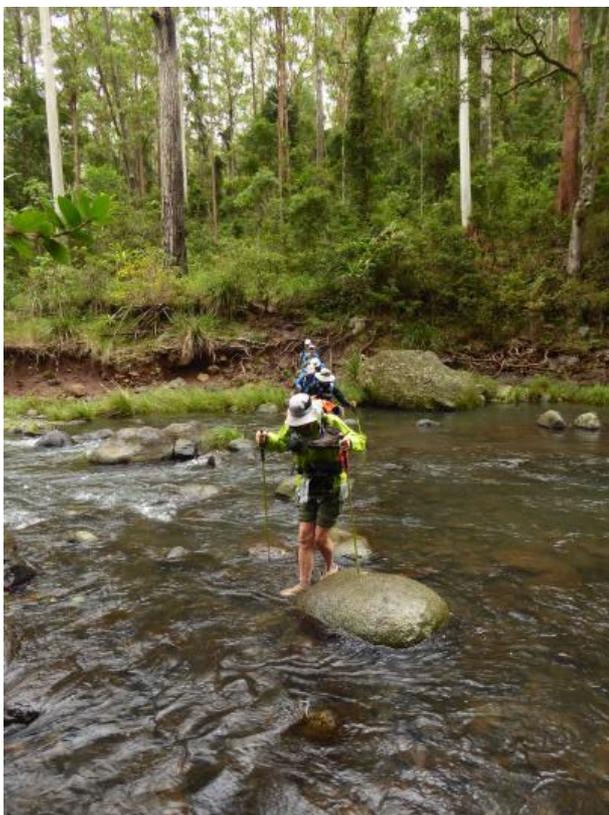
At times the trail vanished. The obstacle logs were huge.

Going over, around, and squeezing under them, gave us a gymnastic workout. After 2 hours slogging, we arrived at Jim Westray's grave, and stopped for morning tea.

To read the dramatic story of the Stinson crash in 1937, go to this link.

<https://www.visitscenicrim.com.au/about-us/pioneering-families/bernard-oreilly/>

Our plan was to boulder-hop one kilometre up Christmas Creek to see the spectacular Larapina Falls.



After numerous attempts to cross the rushing waters, we abandoned the plan and retreated back to Westray's grave. Gary cleaned some of the granite gravestone to better read the epitaph.

The return journey was more treacherous due to the increasing rain making the track slippery. Wait-a-while vines slowed our progress. Peter got a nasty stinging attack on his earlobe! Was it a spider? Was it a stinging tree? He described it as a "red hot poker".

We had lunch in the rain, listening to bird calls and the roar of cascading rapids. At the end of the walk, we re-crossed the fast torrent and got wet, chilled feet.

The day was rounded off at the Christmas Creek Café.



Easter Sunday 4/4/21

Bare Rock

We started our walk with our shoes on, for a change. Our two cars were at Cunninghams Gap carpark. Heading towards Mt Cordeaux, the mist shrouded all the mountain tops. We wound our way along a well maintained track, through rainforest to the lookout. Of course the view was obscured. The wind was hitting the cliff below, roaring upwards and sounding like a goods train. Amazingly, this morning tea spot was in a sheltered bubble. But just behind us, the grass trees and bushes were bent sideways in the gale force winds. Then the rainforest track led us to Morgans Walk, another cliff edge with white-out views.

"Watch out! Snake!" yelled Michelle. Warren accidentally stood on the tail end of a 1 metre brown snake which must have been crossing the track. Michelle, behind him, stood frozen. The snake wriggled in confusion for a few seconds, then slid off into the undergrowth. By the time the others caught up, the show was over.

Up at Bare Rock, (1168 m) it was colder. Being exposed, the wind blew Chris's hat off and into the bushes a fair way off. The cold rain cancelled the idea of lunch here, so we high-tailed it to the cars. But on our descent, we encountered a colourful carpet snake about 180 cm long. The rain had really set in, so we headed down the road to have lunch in a shelter shed. Next stop was a café for coffee, then back to Jacks Place for happy hour.



Report by Michelle et al.



Photos by Peter Fowler and Julie Nunn

Baxter Falls

Sunday 11 April 2021



Sixteen happy and energetic walkers started off at 8.15 on a beautiful Autumn morning for a walk to Baxter Falls (off Flaxton Mill Rd), ably led by Julie Nunn and co leader, Susan Taylor.



The walk was somewhere between six and nine kilometres return (depending on who was measuring it) and took us three hours. All down hill to the Falls and obviously all up hill on the walk back. The track was very good with just a few muddy spots from the recent rain. Smoko by the falls and creek was a beautiful spot to sit, chat and relax for half an hour.



A small goanna and a big red ant was all the wildlife I spotted, apart from plenty of other walkers we passed on the track too.

Thanks to Julie and Taylor for leading the walk.

Pam Sanders

Glenfields to Mountain Creek

Thursday 22 April 2021



Mountain Creek Riparian Reserve is a two loop trail tucked behind Mooloolaba incorporating Mountain Creek and Mooloolah River.

It is an easy open trail suitable for both walking and cycling. A great place to bring the kids for a walk, ride or picnic at the playground.

Our leader, Cheryl, knew the area well and added an extra loop. A couple of streets from the reserve we found ourselves at the local shopping centre for a coffee break and back via Mountain Creek Lake.

Myself and six other members were able to switch off, follow Cheryl's lead and just relax, stretch our legs and enjoy each other's company.



Thanks Cheryl
Philippa Dorman

No reports received yet from the later walks in April, they will have to be included next month. See you then.

Stephen

HAPPY TRAILS

