



**SUNSHINE COAST**  
**BUSHWALKING CLUB**  
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# THE TRUDGE

## October 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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# Membership Fees Reminder

It's that time of the year again to renew your club membership by paying the annual fee (if you haven't already done so). The fee of \$35 was due and payable by 1st October 2021. Please make payment by direct deposit to the clubs Bendigo Bank account as follows;

**BSB: 633 000**

**Account #: 142347657**

**Reference: Name**

If you are not intending to renew your membership, please send Karen an email at [enquiry@scbwc.com](mailto:enquiry@scbwc.com) so she can note on our records.

# Christmas Party News



The club's Christmas party will be held in November.



**Date:** Saturday 27 November

**Time:** 11.45am for Midday start/3pm finish

**Where:** Noosa Sea Scouts, 11 Eumundi Rd, Noosaville

**Cost:** \$15 pp includes 2 course meal (roast spit)

Please make payment by direct deposit to the clubs Bendigo Bank account as follows;

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**Account #: 142347657**

**Reference: Surname and Xmas**

**BYO:** Chair, glassware, mugs (for coffee/tea) and drinks

**Camping:** Available for Saturday night \$15/person. Please book directly with Noosa Sea Scouts at <https://noosaseascouts.com.au/shop/>

**RSVP:** by 17th November to Neralie Carr at [guznez6@gmail.com](mailto:guznez6@gmail.com) or M 0404 161 399 or sign on at the November club meeting.

# AGM Date

As the club is required to be audited again this year we cannot complete this process prior to the November meeting. Consequently, the AGM will be held in conjunction with the next meeting scheduled for December 7<sup>th</sup>.

# Cycle ride, Bokarina to Chancellor Park

Sunday 3 October 2021



A dozen cyclists took part in the 30 kilometre ride from Borarina Beach to Chancellor Park and return.

The ride was mostly on pathways at a leisurely pace. The weather was kind after a week of strong winds and rain.

Judging by the chattering going on it was an enjoyable morning with the mandatory coffee break.

On numerous occasions it was mentioned how lucky we are to live here on The Coast.

Thanks for the company,

Phil Pratt

# Kondalilla to Witta

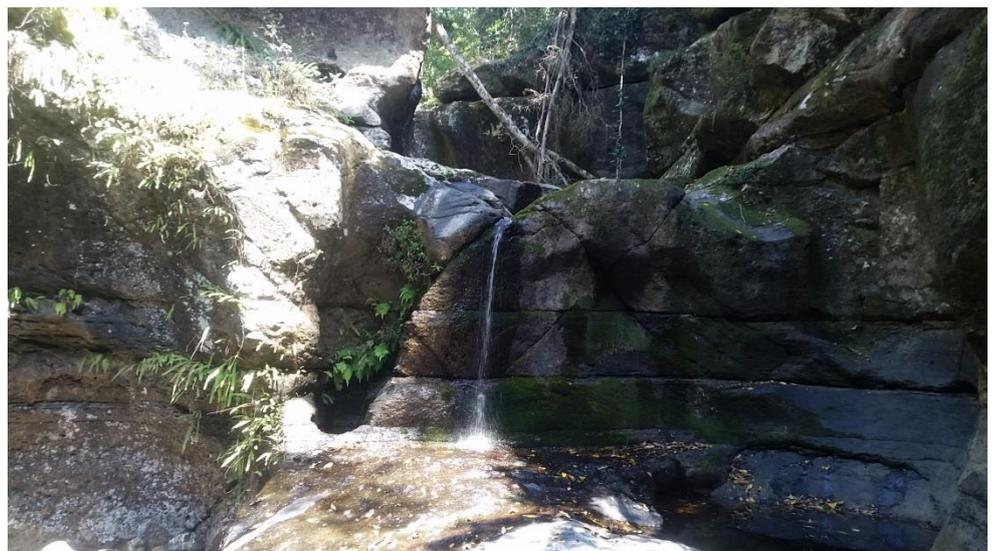
Sunday 10 October 2021

Ross, Peter, Chris, Michelle, Tas, Neralie

Kondalilla to Witta was a trip that had been on my To Do list for quite some time.

Finally the stars had aligned and I found myself getting up at the crack of dawn to meet up with the others at Kondalilla after an early morning car shuffle.

Six of us set off from the car park at the Falls at a fairly quick pace down the track to Flat Rock, a very familiar well-trodden path through the rainforest.



Just past Flat Rock the real adventure began as we left the track and ploughed towards the banks of the Obi Obi Creek, trying to avoid the worst of the lantana thickets and wait-a-while vines.



We crossed the creek via a few fortuitously well-placed rocks and then headed upstream until a major side creek on the right was reached.

Now following the side creek we were treated to a very pretty wilderness area seldom visited. We scrambled up and over rocks and climbed steep, loose slopes to get around waterfalls all the while trying to avoid the prickly vegetation that tried to entangle us.

We sidled around lovely pools of water hoping not to fall in. Two red-bellied black snakes and one brown snake were thrown into the mix just to keep us on our toes.



Eventually we made it to the top and popped out at Witta, as per the plan. It took us 7 hours to complete the 16km. A rugged creek as promised, full of challenges and surprises.

We stopped in at Maleny for an ice-cream as a reward for our endeavours, rocking up just as the shop was closing. Sitting outside the store on a bench our obvious enjoyment of the ice-creams encouraged at least another 20 customers in the space of half an hour to indulge as well...creamy vanilla, berry surprise, rocky road, double choc...Eventually the owners locked the door.



It was rather amusing (maybe you just had to be there).

Thanks Ross for leading the trip plus the others for their company – am pleased I finally did it.

It was a great day.

**Neralie Carr**

# Girraween National Park Base

Wednesday 13 to Saturday 16 October 2021

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Christine, Debbie, Linda, June, Neralie, Garry, Peter, Leanda, Larry, Chris, Karen & Rod all arrived at Castle Rock Camping Area at different times of the day but in time for a late day adventure up “The Pyramid” after setting up camp.



It was like the entrée to what was to come over the rest of the days i.e. massive balancing rocks, steep climbs on rock surfaces to experience breathtaking views over the surrounding landscapes & identifying other known landmarks on the horizon.

We needed to be down before it got too dark but late enough to enjoy a setting sun.

Mostly, the weather was kind with the occasional light shower in the first day or two, but we managed to have a campfire each night as a gathering point to enjoy each other's company, sharing stories & getting to know one another a little better over nibbles & drinks. Everyone was such wonderful company.

Thursday morning, we set off for “The Junction” which was where two waterways met, sculpturing their course through a rocky landscape down slides & small waterfalls from waterhole to waterhole.

Due to recent rain the water was flowing making this place very special, where you could sit for hours.

On our way we come across a very placid red-bellied black snake sunning itself & was not interested in moving, giving us plenty of time to take close-up photos before slowly slithering under the rock to return another time.

On Thursday afternoon, a couple of us rested at camp while the majority headed off to Dr Roberts Waterhole & Underground Creek.





Friday was our full day out & it did not disappoint.

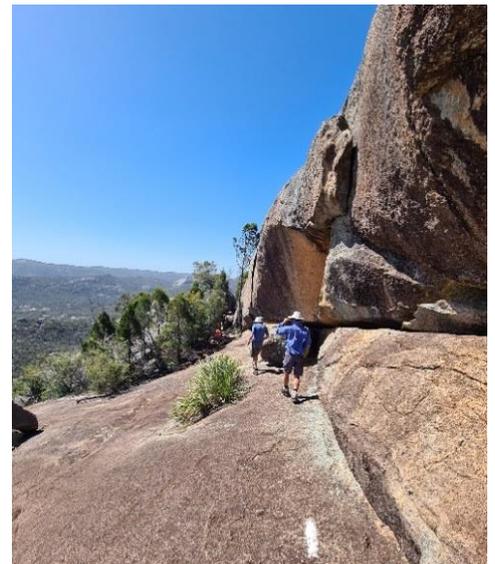
The weather was perfect & Peter took us to some very special places that most would pass without noticing or would not venture far enough.

This day our priority was to walk to "Mount Norman" which included a visit up "Castle Rock" on the way back & spectacular views all round.

We looked across to "Turtle Rock" & "The Sphinx" but decided that after our adventurous day we were better off leaving them for another day.



While on "Mount Norman", some of us ventured a little farther with Peter's guidance, one being a route that took us through the base of a crevasse & through some caves that made for some exciting times & moments of apprehension (& lots of laughs).



The second being, an extension of the track that took you to the very (very) top of Mount Norman. It's like no place I have ever seen before & am very grateful for the opportunity to be shown the way.

On Saturday, most of us did our own thing either walking, resting &/or packing. Larry stayed the extra night while the rest of us reluctantly wondered off home at different times of the day. This is a place not to be missed & I for one will definitely be going back. Thanks Peter for making this experience possible for all of us. It was a blast.



# Marcoola to Mt. Coolum Base Walk

Thursday 14 October 2021



Despite the grey skies and the threat of a downpour, 9 hardy souls braved the elements and enjoyed a comfortable walk along the Marcoola-Yaroomba Foreshore Bushland Conservation Reserve to the base of Mt. Coolum.

On a different day the shade would have been welcome, however the cool temperatures more than compensated for the absence of the sun and the threat of serious rain never materialized. A well maintained concrete path and a flat surface made the walk a pleasant opportunity to catch up with old friends and new potential members.

Coffee at Curley's coincided with the sun coming out and a chance for some to catch a late breakfast (the savoury scone is to be recommended) and to network (well chat) all the more. The sun yet again obliged in time for a group photo on the beach.

Under Cheryl's leadership the party then returned along the foreshore pathway and the walk concluded (with no drama 😊) by around 10:30.



# Bribie Island Ocean Beach Walk

Sunday 17 October 2021

The activity on offer – a boat trip to a special island, WWII history and a long walk along an isolated beach. What else could one do but join Michelle on this activity to Bribie Island on a perfect sunny spring day.

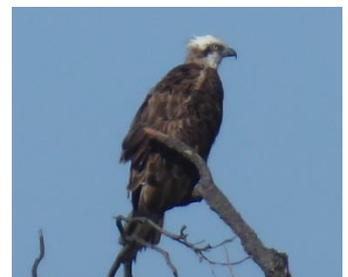
**The Logistics** - Michelle organised our skipper (and fellow club member) Clive Browne to ferry across 11 of the group of 14 to the northern part of Bribie Island from Golden Beach. The other three members kayaked across a very glassy Pumicestone Passage to Bribie Island. Once we were all assembled it was a few metres walk across to the beach side and the adventure began.

**The History** - The SCBWC Library has a book “The Northern End of Bribie Island during WWII and the Underground Hospital”. Michelle brought this book along to assist us with the details of the Fort Bribie. The reason for Fort Bribie at the start of WWII was to protect the Port of Brisbane. It consisted of approximately 150 soldiers and resembled a small town with two kitchens, 14 barracks, post office, power plant, two gun emplacements, two observation posts, septic toilets for all levels of command and even a main road down the centre.

The closeness of the camp to Caloundra did allow the troops to enjoy a quick trip across the passage at times and stories that Michelle had researched were revealed. The photo history of the camp and fort is limited for one of the rules of Fort Bribie was cameras were strictly forbidden. Luckily for us, photos are welcomed now and it is amazing to see the Forts on the beaches slowly being engulfed by the sea and sand with the remains of the Fort within the forest unfortunately being vandalised over many years.



**The Bushwalk (or Beach walk)**- Michelle had chosen the day well for not only did we have brilliant sunshine but also low tide for walking along the beach. Our walk was approximately 14 km's, up the beach (towards the south) and then onto the Forts History trail and out again along the beach north to Caloundra. At times our walking was shared with the Sunday 4WD enthusiasts wanting to test out their vehicle on the sandy beach for a short area on the southern part of our walk. The birdwatchers of the group enjoyed seeing the Brady Kite Sea Eagle perched watching the world go by, and the busy Rainbow Bee Eaters fluttering here, there and everywhere.



Three of the more adventurous of our group put on the swimmers to enjoy the surf, whilst Malcolm was the “lifeguard” perched on the top of the sand dune. Lunch was enjoyed with the view up and down the Bribie Beach before we embarked on the walk north towards Caloundra and our skipper Clive to take us back to the mainland and back to reality. Thanks to our leader Michelle for putting this activity onto the program again after a decade's absence and thanks also to our skipper Clive.

# Tree Top Challenge

Thursday 23 September 2021



Approx 20 brave souls turned up to the Tree Top Challenge on a blistering hot spring day ready to take the leap and tackle the numerous courses.

Harnesses were secured, helmets and gloves distributed, instructions given, a short practice session and then it was off on the zip line ready for the adventure.



All had to start at the lower level, the Green or Purple course and only then could you progress to the higher levels of the Blue and Red courses and of course, there were a few who tackled the challenging Black course.

Nobody was game to try the double Black Diamond course (maybe next time).

Much laughter and squeals were heard through the trees as we all challenged ourselves on the various courses over a few hours.



A great way to spend the morning with coffee at the end.

Thanks to Peter for organising a fun day out.

**Chris Vieraitis**

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The weather is warming up, the skies are opening up and soon the borders will be too.

Time for a few more walks before the year ends, and lots more to come in the New Year.

See you next month

**Stephen**

**HAPPY TRAILS**

