



THE TRUDGE

Newsletter of the
SUNSHINE COAST BUSHWALKERS INC.

MARCH 2010

Meetings are normally held on the first Monday of each month, however please check for any changes.

There are no meetings on holidays or long weekends.

Meetings are held at 7.30 pm at the Craft Cottage behind Buderim War Memorial Hall, Church Street, Buderim.

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At the first meeting for the year our new President was elected – Malcolm Rodley kindly offered to take on the position for the coming year – our heartfelt thanks to you Malcolm. Also our grateful thanks to Jean Tague outgoing President for all her wonderful work, efforts and leadership over the last 2 years – it has been very much appreciated by all members. Sally Clem has also offered to take on position of Librarian – thanks to you too Sally.

HAPPY TRAVELS

Adios – and not goodbye – All the best to Joe and Sharon Bretherton who will be off travelling in the first instance to New Zealand and then around Australia for a few months. We all hope you have a great holiday and look forward to keeping in touch with you throughout – send lots of info.



Any ideas? At the February meeting the consensus was not to continue with the raffle. We have an amount of money in our account raised from the raffle and we have to decide what to do with it. Soooo any ideas? Bring them to the March meeting.

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NOOSA NATIONAL PARK - 24 January 2010

13 of us, including 7 new faces, met at 8.30am at the Sunshine Beach car park. It took an extra 15 minutes for Graeme the walk leader, to finalize his numbers, as easy parking was non-existent. So it was 8.45 before Graeme, John, Ursula, Dale, Russel, Brian and Christina, plus our visitors, set off on a relatively easy, but hot walk to the Noosa National Park HQ and back.

The coastal track skirts the shoreline and passes over several headlands such as Devil's Kitchen, Lion's Rock and Hell's Gate all of which provide spectacular coastal views. Visibility was superb allowing us to spot dolphins, stingrays and the occasional turtle. Alexander Bay also had its usual surprises particularly for some of our unwary newcomers. After a leisurely 2 hours we arrived at Park HQ and shared a rest and waterstop with the resident giant monitors. Being the last few days of the Christmas holidays the park was busy but we managed to avoid most of the tourists by returning via the Tanglewood Track, which is a more isolated inland walk meandering through eucalyptus woodlands and rainforests. Then it was a quick 10 minutes home through the back streets to Sunshine Beach where some opted for a dip, others a drink at the Surf Club.

Thanks Graeme and good to see you firing again after your recent mishap at Branch Creek.

..... John Balderson

EWEN MADDOCK DAM - 26 January 2010

19 of us including 8 visitors met at Ewen Maddock Dam picnic area. We then carpooled around to the Landsborough end of the 12km track. We walked around at a leisurely pace getting to know each other and catching up on the news since December. We had morning tea by the lake, wildlife seemed rather limited with nothing of interest spotted. We carried on around the lake with the day warming up. The heat of the day hit us when we came out from under the trees near the end. With the lake being down we were able to walk around the lake edge near the end before joining the boardwalk for the final stretch. We then headed our own ways, but many stayed for a swim and lunch under the mango tree, with mangoes for all. There were good crowds there enjoying Australia Day activities and we all headed off to enjoy the rest of our Australia Day. Thank you to all for a good walk. Russell Stark

WALKS FOR MARCH 2010

Monday 1	MONTHLY MEETING			
Sunday 7	Keep Aust Beautiful Day – Mt Coolum	DW – E	Jean Tague	5445 3237
Wed 10	Tibrogargan – beginners and others	DW – M	Alan Winter/Norm Thursby	5477 1037
Sunday 14	Chenrezig Walk – lunch 11.59 am	DW – E	Ann Larsen	5493 1606
Sunday 21	Northbrook Gorge – Brisbane Forest Pk	DW – M	Russell Stark	0404 235 195
Sunday 28	Kayak – Mary River	DW - M	Ross Thompson	0414 823 352

BAXTER CREEK – 7 February 10

I know one shouldn't scratch leech bites, but sometimes you just cannot help yourself... I'm like that.



Malcolm

Our meeting place at the Mapleton Pub on a very overcast Sunday morning saw 20 bushwalkers enthusiastic for a day out. We drove the 2km to the

Linda Garrett carpark on Delicia Road and proceeded to ready ourselves just as it started raining, it rained all day. The track is very well graded and there is a short section on Obi Obi Road and into Suses Pocket Road.

We passed a group of Brisbane Bush Walkers as we neared Baxter Creek, they were walking out of the valley, and had attracted the attention of the local leech community also. The roar of Baxter Creek could be heard long

ahead of seeing the spectacle, it is the most water I have seen coming over the waterfall, and that alone made the outing well worth while. Our lunch stop was at Mapleton Falls Picnic area and it was a tight squeeze to get everyone under the shelter.

One of our walking companions lost a diamond earring at the lunch stop.... With numerous volunteers searching the ground around the shelter, two earrings were found.. the one that was missing, a gold stud, and three backs for earrings. What goes on at that place?

A few of us had a drink at the Mapleton Pub and all agreed it was a good outing. Thanks to Jenny our leader.

Malcolm R



PS from Ed ... thanks to Malcolm, John and Una for helping this puffed Ed back up the hill. Your support was very much appreciated.

COOLOOLA WILDERNESS TRAIL – 10 February 2010

Harry's Hut to Elanda Point

Seven Wednesday Walkers assembled at Elanda Point car park, and piled into one vehicle for the 30km drive to Harry's Camp Area. The walk followed the Cooloola Wilderness Trail and while there was evidence of recent fires, they had not been fierce, and regrowth was abundant.

The early part of the walk was through extensive stands of Cabbage Tree Palms the hearts of which, when boiled up, were used by Aborigines as a food source. We were surprised to find that the track was completely dry in spite of recent rain. On the section from Harry's to the Kin Kin Creek we passed through a variety of forest from rainforest to dry open forest. Of particular note were the stands of large Blackbutts and near Kin Kin Creek beautiful Kauri trees.

We were accompanied by a constant background of insect noise, and John telling us that he didn't bring a can of tuna for lunch and **really** wished he had. Apart from the insects and clouds of mozzies, the only wildlife spotted was a Wompoo Pigeon, and yes it really does make that sound. Rest breaks were brief because of the attentions of the aforementioned mozzies.



The final few kilometres saw us exposed to the full force of the sun as we travelled through an area of tall grass. This part of the Great Sandy National Park was a dairy farming area until the 1970's and is in the process of being returned to bush so the sign said!! The walk ended back at Elanda Point but we then had to make a return trip to Harry's Hut to pick up our other vehicle. A bit of driving but worth it for an enjoyable walk in good company. Thanks to Una, Clive, Marilyn, John, Dave and Christina for being Wednesday Walkers. Norm

MT NGUNGUN – 14 February 2010

10 of us turned up on a very hot day at the Beerwah Pub. The pub is cut off from the town so that meant some of us got lost. Off we went to the mountain in three cars and were greeted by mossies - lots of them.

The climb is relatively short but steep in places, and once at the top there are spectacular views of all the four major mountain peaks. We headed back down the mountain after having a drink and enjoying the view. Some of us set off to find a coffee shop and some took off home. We found a place the other side of the road to Woolworths at Beerwah and sat talking for another hour and a half and it was still only 11 o'clock when we left to go home. Thank you everybody for a very enjoyable morning Jean



Graeme, Dale, Ursala and John at Pincushion – 21/02/10

MUDJIMBA BEACH-WETLANDS 21 February 2010

Seventeen keen walkers departed from Mudjimba Beach on Sunday, 21 February. We headed through the shady and picturesque wetlands on the Melaleuca Trail, then branching off on the Xanthria Trail until we arrived at the Novotel Twin Waters Resort. We had managed to escape both the rain and (most of) the mossies !



It was a perfect day as our intrepid group trekked through the hotel grounds and along the beautiful shoreline. We had our morning break under a shady tree on the beach, as we watched the dogs - and their owners - frolicking in the water. Soon after, we were all at the river mouth, admiring the view, when fellow bushwalkers Ross and Linda were spotted - taking "time out" with their dogs. They were duly chastised, of course! We walked back along the beach, 8.4 km in all - an easy and pleasant walk. Thanks to Russell

Vivienne Bernardi



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