



THE TRUDGE

February 2022

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

7:00pm Refreshments for 7:30pm Meeting

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



New Meeting Arrangements

Hi Everyone,

In case you didn't notice the change on the front page (or get around to reading the minutes) the club meeting arrangements have changed. Refreshments will now be before the meeting instead of after to allow for some more relaxed socialising with friends.

From the meeting on March 7th, 2022, we will be starting from 7:00pm with refreshments and a trial of being able to sign up for walks prior to the meeting. The official meeting start time is unchanged at 7:30.

Stephen Hunter

Secretary SCBWC

Upcoming Club Event – Planning Meeting

Sunday 13 March 2022

Hi Club Members,

Our Planning Meeting is getting closer. I've had some proposed walks come in, which is great to see.

A draft walks calendar has been sent with this Trudge and as you will see there are lots of opportunities to plan a hike for our club.

As mentioned previously, we encourage anyone considering leading their first hike but who may have some reservations about doing so, to please remember that there is a great support network amongst our club members. You just need to ask for any help or assistance as needed.

The Planning Meeting is also a lovely social event with tea and coffee supplied and home baked goodies (provided by Sam) as well as the chance to have a chat and discuss hiking plans after the meeting has ended.

So a warm invitation is extended to all, and I hope to see as many as possible on Sunday 13 March.

Kind regards

Linda Gregory

SCBWC Walks Co-ordinator

Non-Club Event – Paddle for Pedder

Sunday 12-14 March 2022



Dear Sunshine Coast Walking Club Members,

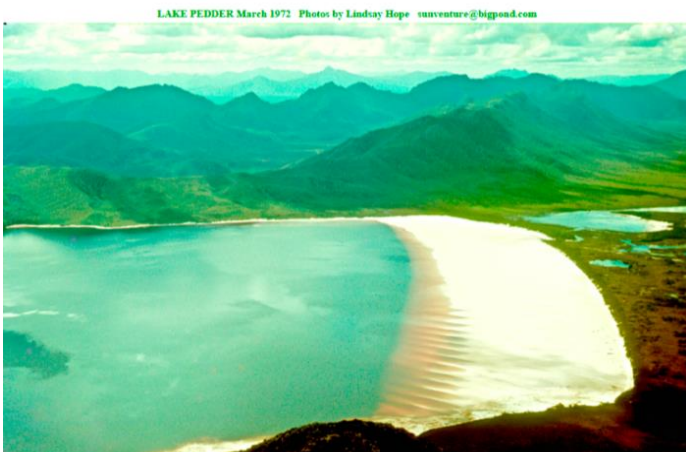
Way back in the mid 1970's, I was one of a few who helped to found the club, and have been for a while a Life Member, but not active. My wife Sue and I, in our mid to late 70s, and with compromised immune systems, are pretty much in self-imposed "staying at home" currently. However, I thought you and club members would appreciate being made aware of the proposed nationwide Paddle for Pedder in March to publicise the 50th Anniversary of the 1972 flooding of Lake Pedder in South West Tasmania, and the proposal to drain the dammed impoundment to allow the restoration of the original lake and surrounding 242 square kilometres of Biodiversity. This aligns with the commencement in 2021 of the United Nations Decade of Ecosystem Restoration.

As outlined in the email below from Tabatha Badger, supporting individuals or small groups, heeding current Covid regulations, are encouraged to get out on a waterway near their home to paddle with an appropriate banner to help raise awareness of the Restoration Campaign. Sue and I might if we can get out on our own in our Kayak for a short paddle and photos prior to that particular weekend. I have attached my associated photographs taken at the Lake in March 1972. They might help you to better understand the significance of the loss of the original Lake Pedder and the significance, 50 years later, of the new strong campaign for its Restoration.

You can also view the Restore Pedder website at www.lakepedder.org

Best Wishes,

Lindsay Hope



Paddle for Pedder 2022 is on across the March long weekend, 12-14th.

We are asking everyone, wherever you are, to paddle out on your local water way with a sign or banner, calling for the restoration of Lake Pedder. The March long weekend of 1972 was the last time bushwalkers were permitted to walk into Pedder, this is the perfect weekend to grab some friends and help raise awareness of the restoration campaign.

Be sure to take a photo of your action, post it to social media & tag us **@restorepedder**, with your location to help us make a map showing the support for Pedder's revival is nationwide!

If you have already planned where you will be paddling, please do let us know and we will get started on the map and creating a list of paddle places for our website. Some slogan suggestions for signs are below, but we are excited to see what creative messaging you can come up with too;

- Wake the Lake
- Give a dam, Restore Pedder
- Restore Pedder and the benefits will flow
- Restore Lake Pedder



If you would like to become more active in the campaign, or you can help out with the Paddle for Pedder, we'd love you to share your skills to help see Lake Pedder restored. To volunteer with us today simply fill in the online form and we will be in touch shortly; volunteer with Restore Pedder.

Tabatha Badger

Restore Pedder Campaign Coordinator



4 Glasshouse Mountains

Sunday 6 February 2022



This hike was my first with the club for 2022.

I had considered the location, time and distance all seemed rather reasonable when I signed up for it but holey moley this one was a doozy.

We kick-started the day with Mount Beerburrum, which was an unbelievably steep concrete path, that never seemed to end. I stopped for a breather quite a few times and was buoyed on by a young couple who were also heading up with a baby in tow and a tiny little girl who was walking along independently and not complaining so perhaps it wasn't quite as bad as I was making it out to be.

The forestry fire tower at the top rewarded us with a fabulous 360-degree view and a welcome cool breeze. There were quite a few other breathless, sweaty bods on the viewing platform cooling down while marvelling at the view. We didn't linger too long as we had other mountains to climb.

Next up we were off to Mount Tibberoowuccum.

I had done this one before and remembered just how taxing it was so with head down and determination, soldiered onwards and upwards. We came across a few groups of young people out for a hike offering each other encouragement up the steep sections. On the trunk of a small tree along the track to the ridge (and right at hand grabbing height) was a massive cluster of writhing caterpillars - I was most grateful for Yvo's forewarning.

We stopped again briefly at a couple of lookouts before the final steep little scramble to the summit. On the way down Ian identified the caterpillars for us (sorry but I can't remember) and Jon pointed out another lone big rusty-red looking caterpillar across our path.

The third mountain to then tackle was Mount Ngun Ngun.

We boycotted the regular walking track up and instead approached from the south face (I think). Near the beginning of the ascent was a very steep rock section which we happily walked around but you could see the metal bolts used by rock climbers who prefer a more direct approach. We then scrambled up a slightly

steep section before rounding up onto a broad landscape of the most unique vegetation. Under foot was damp black volcanic rock covered in sections with mounds of a lovely soft spongy mat grass and masses of stunning small trees with satin-smooth bronze-purplish trunks growing all over that side of the mountain.

We kept moving onwards and upwards and in no time popped out onto the summit amongst a fairly solid horde of fellow hikers sprinkled across the ridgeline. A light drizzle came over momentarily as we sat and took in the view. The bush-bash back down was kept interesting through uncharted territory (or at least I thought so until we came across a blue tent) and some of us took an occasional tumble while others tried out some dare devil stunts when a decayed tree trunk came crashing down amongst us, but in the end we all made it out safely.

Mount Coochin was the fourth and final mountain which we stubbornly persisted with but by this stage my legs were beginning to protest at being back on the move and I'll admit every step was an effort which was a bit tricky as the goat track up was incredibly steep.

Thankfully the mountain was covered in thick tufts of grass that I used to haul my weary-self up with. It was pretty windy at the summit and as we refueled and took in yet another glorious view we agreed to end the hike there instead of continuing further on down then up and on, and on and on...

Relieved by that decision we began to head down through those same small satin-smooth bronze barked trees that we had seen on Mount Ngun Ngun and I was prattling on about what I had heard and believed they were (which was way off the mark) when Jon piped up that he lived nearby and correctly identified them as *Leptospermum leuhmannii* (for all those plant geeks who have always wanted to know).

And amazingly he said you can hear the crackling of the bark peeling back from down where he lives sometime around winter when the limbs turn to a multi-coloured bronze, white and green which is reason enough to revisit this little mountain another day.

Thanks Jon for leading this gruelling hike and Ian, Sam, Yvo (also for the photos), Sharon and Regina for tackling it with me.

Susan Taylor



Creek Walk to Artists Cascades

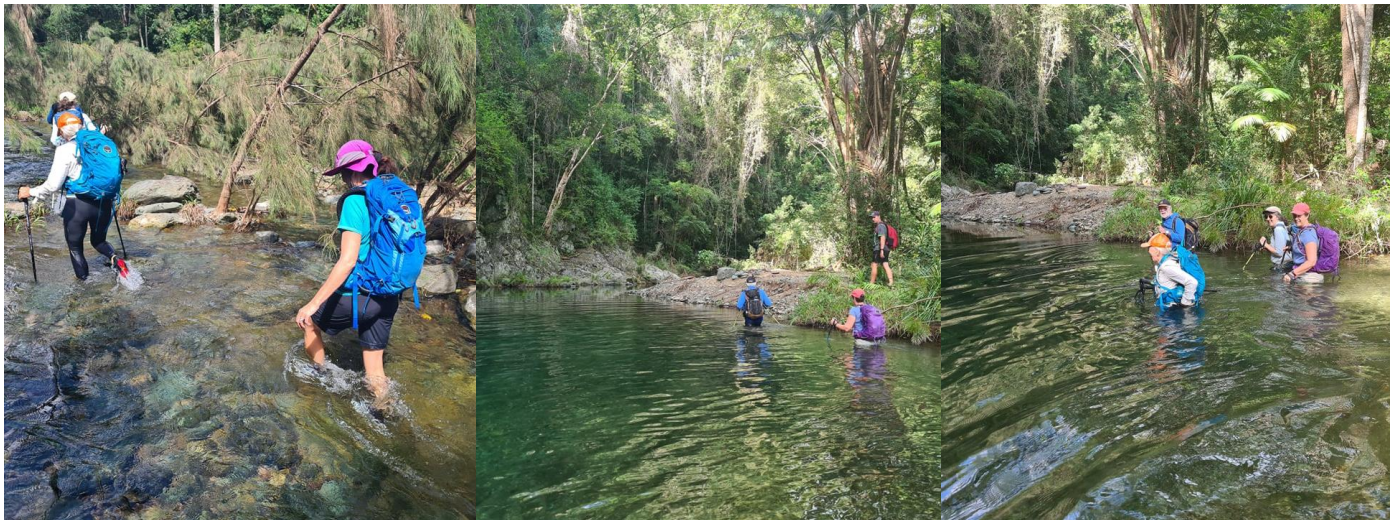
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We met at 7.30am at the usual spot at Kenilworth for carpooling to Booloumba Creek Camping area. After crossing the 2 creeks which were quite low and easy to drive through in 4WD's, we parked at Camp area 4 and walked down to the creek to start the walk.

The creek bed was actually fairly dry to start with but it wasn't long before we got wet feet. The water temperature was perfect and the water was clean and flowing well.

The depth of the creek ranged from ankle to thigh depth for most of the walk, with occasional holes up to the chest.

There was even a couple of spots where swimming was an easier alternative to negotiating the rocks or getting out of the creek and walking along the edge. Most of us lost our footing and had at least one if not 2 or 3 stumbles in the water, but that just added to the experience.



The walk up the creek to Artist Cascades took just over 3 hours, with morning tea about half way along. We reached the Cascades about 11:15am and we all had a cooling swim in the water hole and sat under the cascades which were flowing nicely.

After putting on dry shoes we had to find a crossing back to the track that kept our feet dry. For me, this required a helping hand from Joe to pull me across a tricky spot.

The walk back along the track was very pleasant, and we passed a number of groups heading out to the Cascades for a swim.

We were back to the cars about 1.30pm, so all up we were out for 5 ½ hours and the walk was about 10km in total. This is a perfect walk that can be done while the temperature is still up there, with the water to keep you cooled.

The walk was enjoyed by all who joined Rod & I - Yvo, Joe, Neralie, Regina & Taylor.

Karen Edwards



Glasshouse Mountains Recce Walk

Saturday 19 February 2022

This walk was a late addition to the calendar and a bit of an experiment. Three of us, Ian, Katherine and I had a lovely morning walking at the Glasshouse Mountains with lots of ideas bouncing about. The Yulyanman track is magical, so if you have the opportunity to join Rod and Karen who are leading the walk in March, grab it!

- There are a few members who lead the majority of the walks, and the club is keen to encourage a wider number of people to get involved. However it is a bit daunting to start, so here are a few thoughts:
- You don't have to lead any more people than you feel comfortable with. It is fine to set a low limit on numbers
- You don't have to open up the walk to visitors if you don't feel comfortable vetting newcomers
- You don't have to commit months in advance. Ideally a walk would be planned so it could be announced at the monthly club meeting, but if you want to put a walk on at short notice, let the walks coordinator know so an email can be sent out the week before
- Its OK to repeat or copy walks that have already been put on. It gives people who missed out the first time around an opportunity to go on them.
- If you would like to lead a walk but aren't 100% sure of the route, check in with the walks coordinator to see if a buddy who does know the walk can be there to keep an eye on things on the day"

I'd like to do a few more Saturday 'Recce' walks over the next couple of months as I'm 'in training' to walk Hadrian's Wall with family in May - first time we'll have been together for nearly 3 years! So if anyone would like to test walks or ideas and wants to team up, message me.

Cheers,

Clare Staines

Ewen Maddock Dam

Sunday 20 February 2022



25 walkers met at Ewen Maddock Dam Wall Picnic Area, and we carpooled to the Landsborough end of the track. We were very lucky with the weather and the track was not too muddy. We walked 8km around the lake back to the other cars. The track was in good shade but was very humid. We stopped for morning tea, where some of the more experienced hikers did a footwear repair with some washing line. The views were great, and the company was even better. Thank you, Russell Stark, for organising the hike.

Liza Wright



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Thanks once again to all contributors. Unfortunately the Coast has had a lot of rain in the last week and Sunday's walk was postponed. Instead, I've included a photo of my golf game. ☺

Stephen

HAPPY TRAILS

