

FEBRUARY 2024



# The Trudge

Sunshine Coast Bushwalking Club  
Est. 1975



## CLUB MEETINGS

First Monday of the month (excl Jan.)

Time:

7:00pm – walk sign on opens

7:30pm – meeting commences with refreshments following

Where:

Buderim Craft Cottage  
5 Main St, Buderim

Please note, when the first Monday falls on a public holiday the meeting will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday

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Members should email [enquiry@scbwc.com](mailto:enquiry@scbwc.com) if they are not receiving general email communications from the SCBWC.

## GUEST SPEAKER – MALCOLM RODLEY

### Waiheke Walking Festival 2023

Club Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024

MALCOLM RODLEY will be speaking about the Waiheke Walking Festival at the 5<sup>th</sup> February Club Meeting, commencing at 7:30pm.

The Waiheke Walking Festival ran over 11 days from 26<sup>th</sup> October to 5<sup>th</sup> November 2023.



*Images courtesy of Waiheke Walking Festival Website*  
[Waiheke Walking Festival – 11 Days of Incredible Walks & Events](#)

## Just a little housekeeping .....



1. Reminder monthly club meetings, first Monday of the month (unless public holiday). Start at 7.30pm. Supper and catch up with leaders and fellow walkers is again after the general business meeting. The club will have guest speakers at some meetings during the year.
2. The April Club Meeting will be held on Sunday 7 April at 9am at the Maroochydore Botanical Gardens.
3. Annual Club Fees are due 1st October of each year. The current club membership is \$35 per person. Please put it in your diary for 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024 to renew your membership.

## January Activities

28<sup>th</sup> Lake Weyba Wonder (Min Haeusler)



## LAKE WEYBA WONDER

Starting from the SW edge of Lake Weyba, at Lakewood Drive, Min Haeusler lead a group of 16, (some of which were visitors), around the lake edge, up to a park with a tiny promontory, near Eumarella Road, Weyba Downs. On the return, near our cars, 4 people dropped out of the walk because of the high humidity and heat. Peter Fowler led us on the second half, towards the east, but the walk was cut short because of rain and an approaching storm.

Here is my poem about the experience.

Misty lake, quiet and flat, a wide expanse of grey,  
Fringed with reeds and sedges, olive green,  
Heat haze merged with clouds, thick with coming rain,  
A water-colour picture, smudged in ash, unframed.

We followed the narrow, meandering track,  
Long grasses brushed our hips and legs,  
Not always sandy ground with roots and sticks,  
But many boggy patches, sticky and so wet.

Oozy mud; but we traipsed right through,  
Felt soft and squashy under our shoes,  
It smelt of earth, and leaves of de-composting ilk  
Of tiny crustacean creatures from the lake.

Majestic tree - a paperbark, a companion to the lake,  
Under the low branch we ducked and weaved,  
And touched the soft bark a-curling, or lying at its feet,  
Or hanging on, by a woody thread - oppressive heat.

“A dark, black creek to cross”, we sighed,  
Too deep, too muddy, too inky black,  
Had to plunge our legs into the salty lake,  
Water to our thighs, we sloshed and stepped, a stiffened gait.

We sat awhile on a grassy bank, sweating from the heat,  
Sky and lake, grey and silver, some distant hills - remote,  
Ethereal mist and spots of rain, a-rumbling of thunder,  
A walk in wallum nature; Weyba wetlands in the summer.

*Michelle Freeman*





**Save the Date**

# **PILGRIMAGE 2024**

**Friday 6th - Sunday 8th September 2024**

**Kenilworth Showgrounds**



**Redland Bushwalkers is hosting the Pilgrimage for 2024 at Kenilworth Showgrounds**

An aerial photograph of the Kenilworth Showgrounds, showing a large, open area with a winding path or road, surrounded by green fields and trees.

**Kenilworth is small country town in the heart of the stunning Mary Valley surrounded by lush, green countryside. It is only 90-minute drive north from Brisbane and 50 minutes from the Sunshine Coast.**

**Kenilworth is full of history with the General Store (now Kenilworth Bakery) opening in 1924, the Kenilworth Hotel in November 1939.**

**We will have a great selection of walks in and around the surrounding areas plus a social walk around town finishing at the famous cheese factory at Kenilworth Diaries.**

**The bush band "the Band-O'Coots" has been booked for a fun night of dancing.**

**Until we finalise further details, keep watching this space for a fun packed weekend.**

**Redland Bushwalking**

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**UNTIL NEXT MONTH..... HAPPY TRAILS**