

APRIL 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 2nd Monday

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REMINDER

The April club meeting will be held on **Sunday 7th April at 9am** at the **Maroochydore Botanical Gardens**. We have a guest speaker from the Friends of Maroochy Regional Bushland Botanical Gardens. Morning tea will be provided – please bring a mug and a thermos of hot water. We will be at the picnic shelter on the left of the carpark, looking over the lagoon.

We hope members that cannot attend the Monday evening club meetings due to night driving, work commitments etc can join us all for this monthly meeting and morning tea after.

March Activities

*6th Introductory Abseil Mt Tinbeerwah
(Peter Fowler)*

*11th Thilba Thalba Walkers Camp to
Gheerulla Falls (Helen Bernard)*

15th Lake Doonella Explore (June Hughes)

17th Activities Calendar Planning (Kate Russo)

*22nd Yaroomba Beach to Coolum return
(Diana Korving) - postponed*

*24th Bribie Island Walk/Kayak (Michelle
Freeman)*

*28th – 31st Scenic Rim Easter Base Camp
(Peter Fowler) - postponed*

31st Palmview Cycle Paths (Malcolm Rodley)

*31st Coastal Pathway Noosa to Coolum
(Sarah James) - postponed*

Thilba Thalba Walkers Camp to Gheerulla Falls	Lake Doonella Explore
<p>12 willing walkers set out from Delicia Road in a fine mist. The Obi Obi valley view was a little hazy with the rain in the area. The walk was a little challenging as there had been a lot of rain in the area and the track had become a bit rough and wet in places as well as a few trees across the track, this resulting in a few slip, slides and falls. The weather cleared for the rest of the walk and morning tea was overlooking the Gheerulla Valley. As we made our way back there was several leech stop checks, some walkers finding 2 to 3 leeches on their legs. This was a great morning with excellent company. 12 walkers finished the walk along with 12 leeches.</p> <p><i>Helen Bernard</i></p>	<p>This walk at the Doonella Wetlands Nature Reserve has set a new record for a Friday outing. The time spent at the bakery afterwards was longer than the time spent walking! Seven walkers (including two prospective members) wandered the quiet concrete path through the bush, through parkland and along a section of Lake Doonella. It is not suitable for swimming with mangroves along the shore but is used by fishermen. This is a large shallow lake which empties into the Noosa River. The water level in the creeks and the lake were higher than usual due to recent rain. The wide paths are easy to walk or ride, under cover and the bakery at the end is a bonus!</p> <p><i>June Hughes</i></p>

Activities Calendar Planning Meeting

A very successful Activities Calendar Planning Meeting was held at Foote Sanctuary, Buderim on 17 March. Twenty enthusiastic Members and Prospective Members braved drizzly weather to fill the activity calendar for the next 6 months (the yummy morning tea afterwards may have been an incentive)! We were left with only one Sunday out of the 6 months that didn't have an activity and several Sundays with multiple activities. Cycles, paddles, base camps, through hikes, mountain climbs, social events, track maintenance and day hikes - we have them all! Other important activities include Club Meetings and Pilgrimage 2024.



More activities are always welcomed - if you have never led an activity before but are a SCBWC Member and keen, please contact me with your suggestion. You just need to choose an activity that you are confident of your ability - we can adjust activity numbers to whatever you feel comfortable with. There will always be an experienced leader with you to provide backup. Thanks again to all who have thus far provided input into the Activities Calendar and offered to lead or tail end charlie an activity.

Kate Russo
SCBWC Activities Coordinator

Bribie Island Walk/Kayak



We were very lucky to have a break in the rainy weather for the morning of this walk. Our group of 18, including 4 brave kayakers met at the boat ramp of the Power Boat Club at Golden Beach for transportation to the northern tip of the now 'South' Bribie Island by our Skipper Clive in his trusty "tinny". The kayakers were left to make their own way across the passage.

Once we were skilfully deposited at our starting point, we began to make our way to the eastern side of the island which was only a matter of metres away due to the very high tide. It was quickly evident that there was no beach to walk along at this point, so we commenced our trek through the largely dead vegetation in the hope that a bit further south, there would be some beach to walk on.





After an hour of forcing our way through the scrub covering only a distance of about 1km, the scrub became pretty much impenetrable. We were unsure of how far we would need to bash our way through to get to a walkable section of the beach and for the safety of the group, we decided it was best to admit defeat and return to the comfortable picnic area we hadn't long passed.

Clive had assured us that he would be able to quickly come to our rescue if need be and he was true to his word. After we had some morning tea and birthday cake for Linda, Clive came and luckily was still able to get access to this point to pick us up. He was also able to drop the kayakers off at our starting point so they could get back to their kayaks without having to make their way back the way we came.



Once we were all back on the mainland thanks to the excellent boating skills of Clive, we decided that all was not lost and a walk to a coffee shop was in order. Deciding not to walk right into Caloundra, we opted for a coffee shop about 10 minutes along the esplanade. By this time, some light showers had started but this was not to deter us. The chosen coffee shop was very busy and although they said they would accommodate us with take aways, we decided to walk back to the Power Boat Club, and after some sweet talking by Alf, they let our bedraggled crew in for a very cosy coffee and treats.

This was a lovely way to end our adventure, and that was what it was. Not all walks turn out exactly how they are planned, and that's the beauty of our club walks. We had a boat ride, a bush bash, and 2 morning teas, how great is that.

Thanks to Michelle for organising and leading this walk, it was definitely not a wasted morning out. And a big thank you to Clive for taking time out of his day, supplying his boat and safely navigating the passage to get us to and from the island.

Karen Edwards

KOSCIUSZKO NATIONAL PARK

Dates: 27 February – 4 March

Walkers: Glenn, Joe, Neralie, Garry & Chris (& Foxie)

Accomm: Cabin at Kosciuszko National Park Sawpit Creek

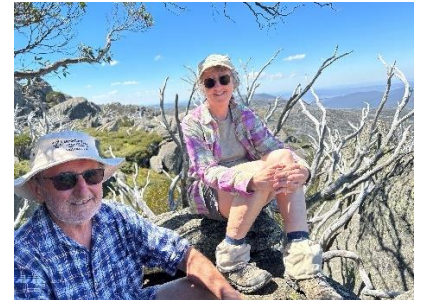
First and foremost what happened at Kosciuszko stays at Kosciuszko, but here are a few snippets from our adventure.

Day 1: Charlotte's Pass Hotel to Perisher via Porcupine Rocks



Distance 14.1kms – blue sky, cool wind approx. 20 degrees.
This was a section of the New Snowy Mountains Alpine Walk with its hard surface of large paved rocks.

Another group walking the trail was the Veteran's Bushwalking Club from Melbourne with the oldest person being 89 years old – something to aspire to. Also towards the end, we came across a group of 10-12 year old kids from Bega – great to see the young out there.



Day 2: Charlotte's Pass to Kosciuszko Lookout, then down towards Snowy River Crossing to the Snowy Mountains Alpine Track heading to Guthega.

Distance 11kms – warning of heat wave (??) with max of 21 degrees and clear skies.

Walked past the Illawong Hut which is closed to hikers with lunch at Island Bend Campsite. Great views of the Snowy River Valley and Main Range.



Day 3: Charlotte's Pass to Blue Lake, down to Hedley Tarn, then cross country back to Charlotte's Pass.



Distance 10kms – another heat wave warning with max of 25 degrees – cloudy.

The lake was beautiful and we suspect the water was very cold. A copperhead snake was spotted but alas no photo.



Day 4: Lazy day

Visited the Jindabyne Visitors Centre for coffee and watched a video about the park. BBQ sausage sizzle lunch at Thredbo River day use area and then a short walk from our cabin of the Sawpit Creek Circuit of approx. 2.6kms.

Day 5: Pipers Creek Walk and Pallaibo Walk



Distance 8.4kms – approx. 19 degrees and sunny. We passed the Snowy Hydro Aquaducts which was really interesting because you could see that water from the smallest creek was collected and flowed into the aquaducts and eventually into the reservoir. Morning tea at Snowy Mountains Hut which was locked but contained 1 bunk (2 beds).

Home for lunch.

Then onto the Pallaibo Walk which was 5.6kms – joins the new Thredbo River Valley Walk and ends up at Thredbo River Day Use Area.



Day 6: Mt Stillwell and Seaman's Hut

Distance 14kms – very cold morning but stunning day of 18 degrees – windy at top.

Hiked up to Mt Stillwell (2,024 metres) to the trig station passing the old and new chairlift stations. Then cross country contouring around Kangaroo Ridge down to Merrills Creek Crossing on Rawson Pass Road. Climbed to Seaman's Hut for lunch (emergency shelter made of stone) and made use of the newly constructed toilets. By this time the wind was howling and it was very cold so the hut was a welcome break from the wind and the toilets were warm and a welcome break from the cold. Then the long downhill trip back to Charlotte's Pass.



Day 7: Sawpit Creek Waterfall

Distance 6.5kms – very cold morning but sunny and crisp during day. This walk took us through Montane Forest, Ribbon Gums, Black Salleees and Granit Tors.

We kicked up our heels and had dinner at the Jindabyne Bowls Club as a farewell.



Footnote:

On Day 6, Neralie managed to shatter the back window of their vehicle into a zillion pieces (lucky it wasn't anybody else).

Undeterred, we jumped into Joe's vehicle and did our planned hike for the day. What to do as Garry and Neralie were continuing onto Melbourne and surrounds for a couple more weeks.

The solution on Day 7, Joe and Garry spent the morning at Bunnings in Jindabyne buying materials and then back at our cabin making a "window" out of plywood. Have to say that Joe and Garry were in their element brainstorming on how they were going to fix the problem. Well done boys – the "window" was a success until the vehicle could be fitted with a proper window back home.

UNTIL NEXT MONTH..... HAPPY TRAILS