NOVEMBER 2026

The Trudge

Sunshine Coast Bushwalking Club
Established 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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October Activities

2nd	*Pelican Forest Track (June Hughes)*
3rd	*Mt Ninderry and Social Breakfast – Fairhill Gardens (Kate Russo)*
4th	*Noosa National Park from Parkedge Rd West (Richard Hill)*
6th	*Conondale Track Maintenance (Linda Gregory)*
8th	*Backyard Loop – Yaroomba, Coolum Hill & Point Arkwright Circuit (Carolyn Farrington)*
8th	*Revegetation Plant Watering – Kondalilla NP (Peter Fowler) – POSTPONED*
9th	*Stage 3 Coastal Pathway (Sam Rowe)*
9th	*Brandenburg Road Hill Climb (Carolyn Kennedy)*
10th	*Walk & Watercolour – Yaroomba (Melinda Haeusler)*
11th	*Club Meeting – Maroochy Regional Botanic Gardens (Kate Russo)*
14th – 18th	*Boonoo Boonoo NP Base Camp Explore (Sam Rowe)*
17th	*Induction Hike – Emu Mountain (Karen Edwards)*
18th	*Kawana Lakes and Coastal Path Bike Ride (Malcolm Rodley)*
21st	*Backyard Loop – Kawana (Jo Duffy)*
23rd	*Mapleton Forest NP Bush Circuit (Richard Hill) - POSTPONED*
25th	*Marcus Dunes – Slow & Steady – Reccie (Kate Russo) - CANCELLED*
29th	*Revegetation Plant Watering – Kondalilla NP (Peter Fowler)*

Club Xmas Lunch – Saturday, 5th December 2026 – 12pm

To be held at Valdora Hall (where we have held it the last few years). Lovely relaxed atmosphere - there will be lucky door prizes, a quiz and a Secret Santa to the value of up to $20 (optional). As per previous years, the Club will provide ham, prawns and chicken, but we ask that attendees bring either a savoury or dessert plate to share. BYO cold drinks.



Please contact Maree Bell (our Treasurer) 0423 164 948 who has kindly offered to coordinate the food and let her know your attendance and what share food you will be bringing.

Mt Ninderry & Social Breakfast

Mt Ninderry



Ten Members and Prospective Members started the day off bright and early hiking up (& down) Mt Ninderry. It would have been lovely to see the sunrise - we were just a tad too late. But we would have had to fill in too much time between this and the next activity if we had gone too early. Going early definitely has its benefits as we were all able to score a carpark in the Mt Ninderry carpark and also miss the rush of Saturday morning Ninderry climbers (until we were on the downhill stage). We firstly enjoyed the Eastern Lookout before heading straight over to the Western Lookout where we took our group photo.

Monthly Social Breakfast – Fairhill Gardens



The ten Ninderry hikers mostly did a quick apparel change and freshen up in the Fairly Gardens carpark before we headed inside the nursery to the cafe to meet our other six social breakfasters. Fairhill Gardens was the venue for our very first Social Breakfast just over a year ago, so it was nice to have a revisit. And as always - plenty of chatting and laughter and good food and coffee. And then....an explore around the gardens and nursery before heading off to continue our Saturday.

Kate Russo

Noosa National Park from Parkedge Road West

Distance 10 km – time taken 3 hours.



Started off on a beautiful day although one person not to be named arrived an hour early on first day of daylight saving time. 12 of us set off for a varied walk through the Park over undulating fire trails and then an old track partially covered in ferns leading up to Laguna Lookout. A short break then back to the trail we made our way down undulations to Tanglewood Trail and then over more undulations along the Tanglewood Maintenance Track to the Fiveways, inspected the Park Map, returned to Tanglewood trail and then onto the Coastal Way to be greeted by the hordes of Sunday walkers on our collective way to Hells Gate. Steven had a boot blowout but was expertly tapped up and continued without fuss. We breaked in the shade overlooking Hells Gate while (apparently) some whales snuck by!!!







Returning to the trail we made our way down to Alexandra Bay Beach (no nudies today) and headed back to Parkedge Main Entrance via some sections of Wildflowers and Birdsong, then onto cars. Most of the group travelled Flying West Roasters Café for great coffee and a snack – and some interesting conversation and tall tales. A great day.

Richard Hill

Boonoo Boonoo NP Base Camp Explore (pronounced Bunoo Boonoo)

The plan was to venture to the lovely Boonoo Boonoo National Park campground for a few days enjoying the pleasant spring weather and taking on walks in the NSW area of the Granite Belt. Someone forgot to inform the weather gods of the plan. Below is a summary of the trip



The intrepid travellers: Sam, David, Neralie, Garry, Ross, Michelle, Richard and Linda.
The weather:
Wednesday – showers then overnight rain. Temperature around 10 degrees.
Thursday – fine through the day until 4pm, then showers, then overnight heavy rain. Temperature 10-14 degrees.
Friday – fine through the day until 3pm, then rain and heavy rain overnight.
Saturday – rain, so we all packed up and came home.

The walks:
Thursday had been planned to climb Bald Rock, but with the overnight rain it was decided to walk to the Boonoo Boonoo Falls track (12.7km return). Nice morning tea in the day use area and lovely track close to the creek.



Friday we ventured around the base of Bald Rock and climbed Little Bald Rock and walked back into Queensland and Giraween National Park to South Bald Rock Campground for a pleasant lunch before the return journey (with rain falling the last few kilometres).

Saturday morning with the wet weather it was decided by all to leave a day earlier. Linda, Richard, David and I took the 2.4km walk as part to the Angry Bull Trail to visit Thunderbolts hideout before heading home.



The outcomes:
Wednesday night rain – Sam's tent decided to no longer be waterproof. So a cabin in nearby Tenterfield was found for Thursday and Friday night.
Thursday night rain – Linda's tent became a little lake, so a motel room in Tenterfield was required for Friday night.
Friday's overnight rain – had us all packed up and on the road early Saturday

Despite the weather, the walks that we could do were great in the Granite Belt and the campground at Boonoo Boonoo is definitely recommended and one I will be returning to (with sunny skies). Thanks to all who came along and braved the weather.

Sam Rowe

Stage 3 Sunshine Coast Coastal Pathway

Mooloolaba to Picnic Point
Linda, Kate, Judy, Toni and Sam took on Stage 3 of the clubs walk along the coastal path on a Friday evening. We had a brisk pace for the walk that started at Mooloolaba Spit, walking around the construction area of Mooloolaba Beach, past the busy Alex Headland Surf Club, into Cotton Tree with a short walk on the beach, along Ocean Street and back to the cars at Picnic Point.



Stage 4 will be on Sunday 1 November between Mudjimba to Coolum.

Sam Rowe

HAPPY HIKING!

