

Newsletter September 2015

Issue two

Working Bee - 29 August 2015
Summer Falls Walkers Camp Maintenance

On Saturday, fourteen willing workers met in Kenilworth then filled out a mountain of paperwork to enable us to work safely on The Conondale Range Great Walk at Summer Falls.

Conondale Range members, Peak Baggers walking group, friends and even two young, fit French backpackers all enjoyed the day working up a sweat at Summer Falls.

We drove to the end of the 4WD track at Summer Falls Road then walked down the hill carrying all the tools, oil turps, loppers, picks etc

Half the group stayed at the camp and oiled the tables, toilet and benches. We then weeded around the camping pads and walk ways. The rest of the energetic group walked the track circuit clearing weeds, logs and anything in their path.

After a big morning's work we all enjoyed a delicious lunch, with home-made cake, real coffee and a few French treats courtesy of Christine.

On the way back to the cars there was plenty of ironbark orchids flowering also evidence of Koala activity on Blue Gums. The two young French men thanked us for such a great day out in the Aussie Bush.



Poets Breakfast Saturday October 3 2015

Presidential Ponderings

Ian is still Presidential Pondering... along with his many other duties as President of MRCCC, performing poetry, making nest boxes and a few other things.

Watch this space.. I'm sure he will be back bigger and better next newsletter.



Posselt's Paris Paddle to Connect Climate Chaos

Kayaker Steve Posselt who played a major role in the fight to stop Traveston Dam is well over halfway through his most ambitious paddle yet, an epic journey by wheeled kayak to connect chaotic climate events that together are outside previous experience. His trip "Connecting Climate Chaos" will take him and his kayak to the scenes of Hurricane Katrina, Superstorm Sandy, the Eastern USA Freeze, Canberra firestorms, UK flooding and the French droughts.

Starting in Canberra at the start of this year, Steve paddled and dragged his yellow kayak all the way to Sydney as the first leg. Getting himself, kayak and support crew to America, he then paddled from the Gulf of Mexico, up the Mississippi in flood, and across to the East Coast, specifically New York. From there, in the comfort of Queen Mary 2, Steve and kayak headed for England where he travelled by rivers and canals across the country and through London. Currently poised to cross the Channel, he'll then paddle up the Seine to Paris in time for the Climate Talks at the end of November.

Steve's motivation for his most ambitious trip is simple.

"I must be able to look my grandkids in the eye and say that I tried my best," he says.

You can follow Steve's journey at his [kayak4earth](http://kayak4earth.com) website.

Steve's Ocean Journey



New Signage Campground



Testing the new BBQ's



Pictures Shirley Moreland
Charlie Moreland re-vamped camp grounds

UPGRADE FOR CHARLIE MORELAND PARK

One of the most popular camping and day visit sites in the Sunshine Coast, Charlie Moreland Park, has received a facelift. Named in honour of long term Forest Ranger, Charlie Moreland, this park has long been a favourite tourist destination for visitors to the Kenilworth area.

Queensland Parks and Wildlife Services have done a magnificent job to improve the facilities and upgrade the pathways and planting. New toilet blocks have been built along with beautiful stonework barbeques, both gas powered and wood fired. New picnic tables and benches provide comfortable facilities for day trippers. Resurfaced pathways and lots of new plantings make strolling around the park even more enjoyable than before. On Friday 24 July, the Minister for National Parks, Sport and Racing, Stephen Miles, the Member for Nicklin, Peter Wellington and Department Director General, Tamara O'Shea joined with QPWS officers, Geoff Brittingham, Wyn Boon, Bronwyn McAdam and Clint Leahy and the rangers for an inspection of the new work along with members of the Moreland family.

Geoff Moreland, Ann (Moreland) Houston, Barney Houston and Shirley Moreland joined the guests and rangers for a barbeque lunch in the "new" Charlie Moreland Park. Speaking on behalf of the family, Geoff Moreland thanked the Minister for the wonderful work done and praised the QPWS for their hard work and the beautiful result. He noted, "Charlie would be very proud to see what this area has become." Geoff and Ann planted a white beech tree to mark the occasion.

A clearing in the park area, which the family always called "The Cement Crossing" was originally used for Moreland family picnics, especially as a Boxing Day tradition. Charlie had built a small fire place where the billy was boiled. Remnants of this are still there. A very attractive notice board has been erected with

Charlie's story and photographs of family and friends at The Cement Crossing, now Charlie Moreland Park.

L to R, MP Peter Wellington, Don 'Barney' Houston, Ann Houston (daughter of Charlie Moreland), Geoff Moreland (son of Charlie), National Parks Minister Dr Steven Miles, and Shirley Moreland (daughter in law of Charlie) plant a white beech tree at the reopening of the upgraded Charlie Moreland camping and day-use area on 24 July. Photo: Qld Government.



Charlie Moreland Revisited

Charlie Moreland camp and day-use area on Little Yabba Creek near Kenilworth has been a favourite spot of mine for around 40 years. My children used to spend the school holidays swimming in the waterhole, walking the forest tracks, sitting around the campfire and toasting marsh mellowes. New toilet facilities, information boards, barbecues, reworked roads through the campsite, much landscaping and a new causeway make visiting more comfortable, but the swimming hole and the beautiful open camping bushland remain as inviting as they always were.

We had a picnic at the brand-new tables, then strolled along a path beside the creek as birds darted through the undergrowth. Families were everywhere, camping, playing on the open grassland, picnicking—enjoying this special place just as my family did all those years ago.

And there is something very special incorporated in the new causeway.

In June 2014, I visited there with George Sherwell, one of three men from Mapleton who had built Sunday Creek Road in 1952. The article appeared in the July edition of *Hinterland Times*.

When George and his mates, Gordon Jeffs and Denis Burley, finished building the ford across the creek, they tipped out the left-over concrete, smoothed it over and carved their names and the date before it set.

When George showed me this private spot in his memory, he said he imagined it would disappear when they revamped the area.

I scrambled down the side of the new causeway, not really expecting to find their names still there, but they were.

QPWS senior ranger, Wyn Boon, who led the team responsible for the work, recognised the significance of this bit of 'graffiti' and asked the private contractors who were rebuilding the

causeway to save the original names. The contractors then added their own names beside the original names. George (who sadly passed last September) would have been so chuffed.

- Dale Jacobson
- Hinterland Times
September 2015

Working Bee Summer Falls



Supposed to be working



Great looking bench

It sure beats a chook raffle

Somewhere back in the mists of time, the Conondale Range Committee put on a Poets Breakfast out the back of the scout hall for some visiting bushwalkers and somehow it turned into an annual event.

Now it's our only fundraiser and a popular one at that. It sure beats a chook raffle and is our contribution to the Kenilworth Celebrates! Arts festival.

With audience numbers growing from around thirty in the beginning to closer to a couple of hundred, it's slowly morphed from an event where we organise both the entertaining and all the catering to one that draws in other community groups and makes it an important fundraiser for them too.

With poets travelling from near and far to be part of it, this year's breakfast is lining up to be a cracker.

If laughter really is the best medicine then the Kenilworth Poets' Breakfast is sure to provide a good healthy dose.

Poets' Breakfasts bring together a real diversity of styles, both in performance and writing. They have been an integral part of the successful resurgence of performance poetry over the last two decades. The result is a performance that that, while unpredictable in direction, never fails to heartily entertain.

The usual response of Kenilworth audiences is that they "never realized poetry could be this much fun".

As well as our seasoned performers, we always keep an open mic session in our Breakfast and it's wonderful to hear people who quietly volunteer to perform and then blow everyone away with their poetry.

The Breakfast commences at 8am on Saturday October 3 in the woodchop arena just behind the Kenilworth Hall. Entry is \$5 plus a variety of breakfasts, coffee and muffins available.

Following the Breakfast, there's ample time to visit the impressive art display, the centrepiece of the "Kenilworth Celebrates!" Festival, in the nearby hall, as well as to take in all the other events around the town.

Increasingly attractive is the option of camping in the showgrounds and simply strolling over to the Breakfast in the morning. Phone 5446 0131 for details.

For enquiries about the Breakfast phone Ian 5446 0124 or admin@exploreconondales.com

Poets Breakfast Saturday October 3 2015

Poets at Kenilworth Poets Breakfasts



Shirley Friend



Harry Donnelly



Irish Joe



Hagar



Ian Mackay



Archie Roach



Mark Feldman



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A must for any visitor to the Conondales, this book includes history, a comprehensive bird list, description of walks, recreation and maps of the area.

Plus lots of great photos.



Community Tree-plant at Kenilworth
National Tree Day
Sunday 29 July 2015

The pile field rehabilitation works alongside the Mary River in Kenilworth were augmented recently with a very well-attended tree-planting of over 1000 trees and there's more to come.

Join volunteer planters at the park at the river end of Charles Street (behind the police station) at **9am on Friday October 16**

