

TWEED VALLEY - CHINDERAH CAMP REPORT

November 20th – 25th 2011.

The camp started with a pleasant happy hour on Sunday night, and after allowing for a little mellowing to take place, I ran through the weeks paddling.

Monday

Off to Tumblegum. On the way attracting a lot of attention with our convoy of 24 kayaks especially at Tumblegum. Down the beautiful Rous River for morning tea with a great view of Mt Barney. Then through the canal and on to Condong for lunch, before heading back to Tumblegum into a stiff breeze. A great paddle.

Distance paddled 22 km.



Paddling the Tweed toward Mt Warning

Tuesday

Off to Kingscliff for a morning paddle along the Cudgeon Creek. We were unable to reach the lake due to blockages, but found a great morning tea spot. My thanks to Peter for helping some across a log. Another stiff breeze on the way back. No dolphins this time.

Distance paddled 16 km.

Wednesday

Put in by the mill at Condong. A pleasant paddle up to the levee the other side of Murwillumbah. Morning tea there. Portaged across the levee and spent about an hour & half exploring the upper Tweed. It was a hot day and back at the levee, some of us decided to have a swim. Unfortunately, one paddler forget his keys were in his pocket and could not start his car. No names! A nice park by Murwillumbah for lunch.

Another stiff breeze for our return.

Distance paddled 26 km.



[Portage at the Levee](#)

Thursday

The weather had changed overnight and morning brought a strong southerly and driving rain. After some consultation, I cancelled the days paddle. We all had morning tea together then off for a leisurely day.

Friday

Back to good weather again. We set off from the camp upstream for an hour or so before turning and making our way downstream to a nice park by Fingal Heads for morning tea. Then back home in plenty of time for lunch for those leaving.

Distance paddled 15 km.

My thanks to all for making it a pleasant and stress free week.

Upsides

Great company, nice paddles, good weather & cosy happy hours.

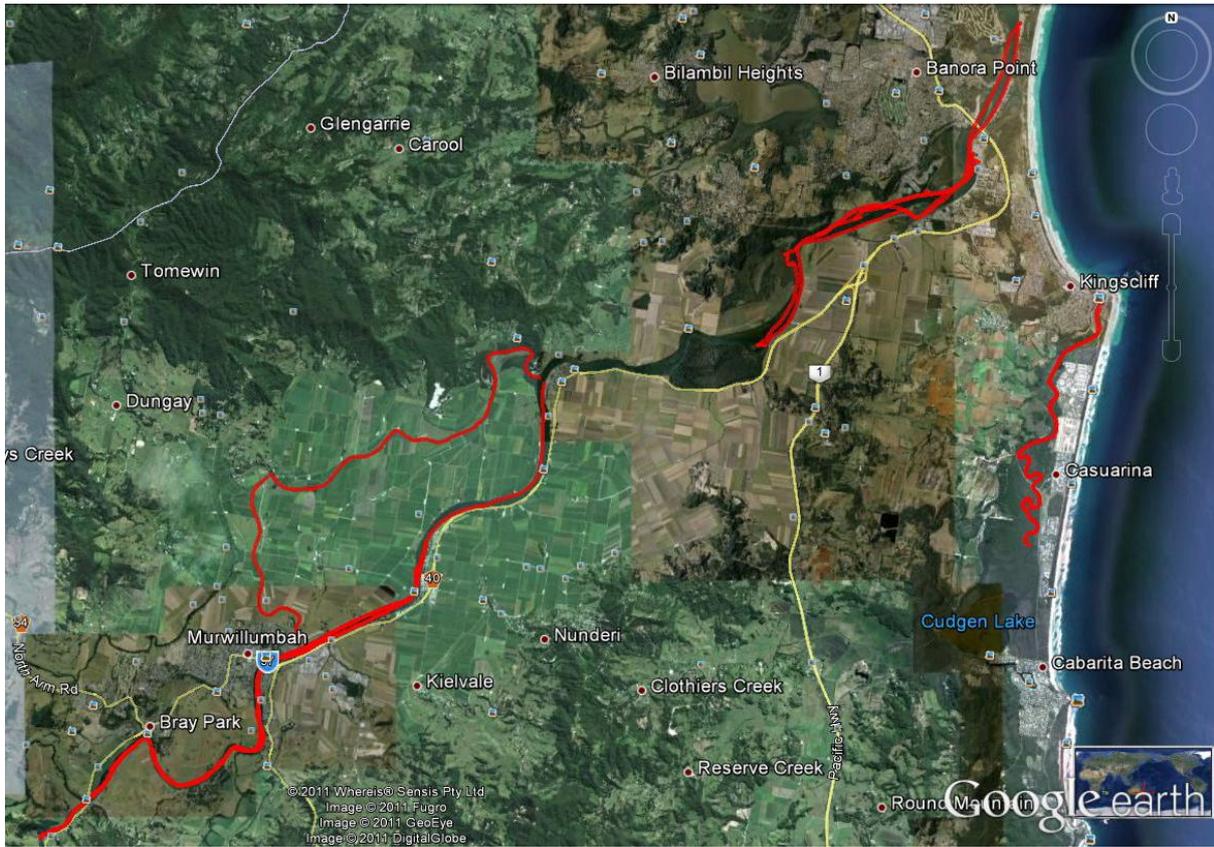
Downsides

Teri got lost on Wednesday. I had stressed the golden rule on Sunday, make sure the person behind knows where you are going. Sorry Terri.

P.S. My thanks to Coby for arranging a great Wednesday night out and good to see the Ladies getting together for a daily Pow Wow. No doubt a lot of private women's' business was discussed.

Best Wishes to all.

Brian Inman.



GPS Tracks of all paddles - supplied by Richard Sharpe.