

Trip Report

Bedrooms Overnight

12th & 13th January 2013

Trip Leaders:- Vic Cameron & Chris Daniel

A fine group of 15 paddlers gathered at the Paradise Point Boat Harbour for an early start on the 17Km(approx.) paddle to our camp site just north of the bedrooms. We had 5 Grade1 paddlers in the group of which 3, Howard, Wayne & Craig, had asked to be assessed for their grade 2 over the course of the weekend. After we crossed the boating channel and were cruising, with the tide but against the wind, up the inside of the island, the 3 aforementioned did their towing segment of their assessment. Unfortunately this was the only part they got to do, as the tide and wind put an end to the rest.

After a short break at Couran Cove to cool off and refresh, and to wait for the tide to change, we headed off to our planned camp site

As I hadn't been there before I relied on Brian and Jono to guide us to a decent camp spot. We landed at about 12noon and everyone then set up their tent before tucking into a decent lunch.

The speed of the outgoing tide gave a good ride to anybody who braved shark ally, but didn't allow much skills practice , although I believe Mark did brave it and nailed 4 rolls in a row.

Andrew, GD, Chris, Jono, Will, Craig & I then walked up to the Pin to have a look, only to find a very wind blown & messy sea, certainly not worth paddling up for.

After a early dinner and a fair bit of b/s around the make believe camp fire, most people hit the sack at about 9.30 for a good nights sleep.

Early up and breaky, then after trying to sus out what the tides were actually doing, we decided to leave a bit earlier than planned and head to Tipplers for a coffee and/or icecream, and once again to wait for a favourable tide.

We also decided to split into 2 groups, the real paddlers and the cheats(sails), needless to say some got to Tipplers long before others.

After leaving for the last leg, some thrill seekers decided to play in the boating channel, which to my mind wasn't very smart, as there was more boats and jet skis than I could count. We then rafted up while some cranky old bugger expressed his displeasure at these antics, after which everyone was much better behaved.

We then split into 2 groups for the channel crossing, after which it was a pleasant paddle back to the boat harbour, where we landed at 11.45am.

Then the best bit! Gelato at the Paradise Point Shops, those who passed up this opportunity don't know what you missed, if you're wondering just ask Brian, Deb, Wayne, Andria, Susan, Chris, Jono or me and we'll let you know.

Thanks to all who made my first overnigher and first trip leader so enjoyable.

Vic.