

## **Trip Report – Shorncliffe to Woody Point and return – 28<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

From a group of 6 who had registered we were down to 4 by Saturday morning.

The day was overcast with rain looming on the horizon. The horizon point exactly to where we were going to paddle! Redcliffe.

We left a very busy Cabbage Tree Creek, with the Sandgate Canoe Club doing their regular Saturday paddling and the Rosco 'Come and try' event. However, paddling out from the Creek we saw no other paddlers on the skyscape.

With an approaching low tide and the predicted 17 knots from the SE dissipating to a 5 to 8 knot SE wind we paddled across dark waters to our destination. The Redcliffe Peninsular looked like it had been singled out to receive its annual rainfall in one hour. Dark low clouds hung over the peninsular.

I suppose the 60% chance of rain prediction was about to come true, and it did. The closer to Woody Point we got the heavier the rain. However as we did the final approach to the west of the Woody Point pier the rain eased.

Paddling there we refreshed on some basic navigation including the recognition of Lateral, Cardinal, and Special Marks as well as tidal flow rates relative to the 6hour tidal period and the impact on the Bay. In addition we did some basic forward stroke improvement.

We sheltered on the water front at Woody with hot coffees in the light rain. Thinking that perhaps we would not receive a welcome reception walking into the coffee shops that litter the foreshore in our dripping wet state we opted for the shelter.

Paddling back we could not make out our destination due to low cloud over the Bay. After some debate as to the direction of travel we set off into the grey mire. The swells were standing up a bit more and more noticeable into the waves than paddling the other direction. This sea state lessened as we approached the half way point with Tony and the illustrious trip leader doing some rolls.

Getting some small runners in across the Cabbage Tree Creek Bar we arrived back at the car park and canoe washing area on time at 12.30pm.

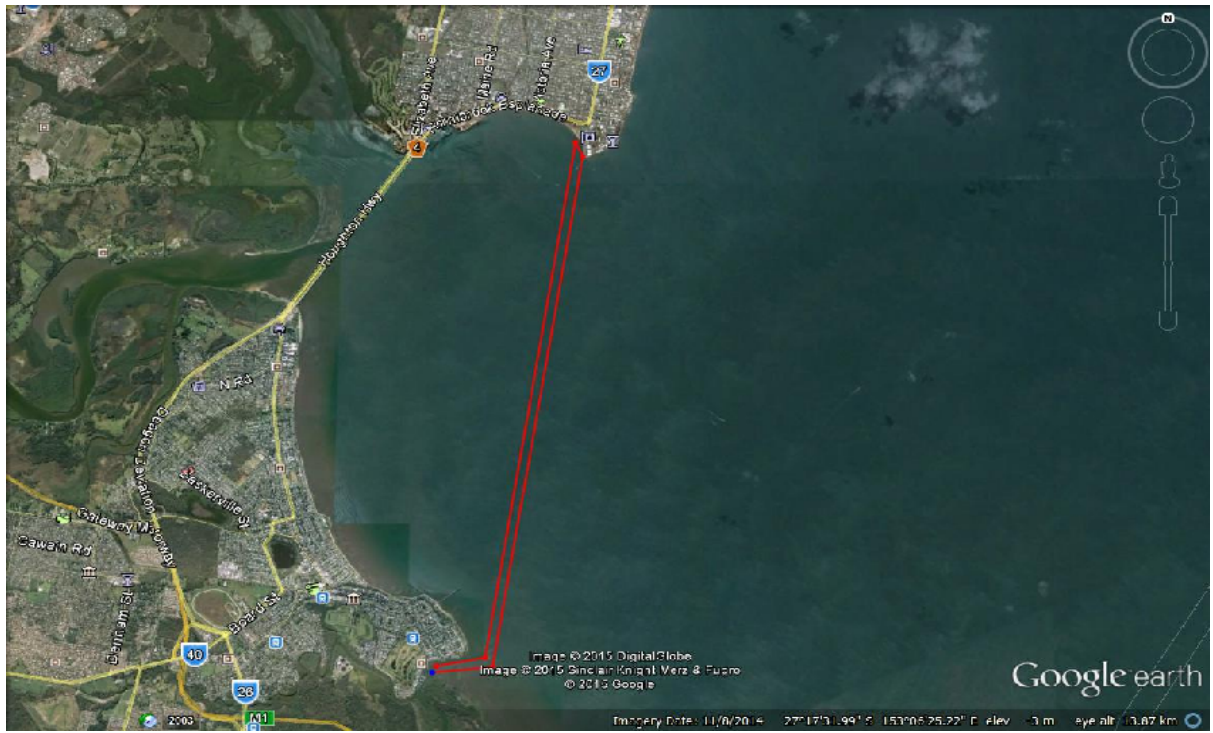


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