

Whittley Club Qld

Tweed River trip 19th-21st May 2023

Come and join Whittley Club Qld for a scenic cruise exploring the wonderful Tweed River in NSW.

Friday 19th

GypSea will be launching from Fingal head boat ramp on Fingal Road, Fingal heads around Middy on Friday and heading for Jack Evans Boat Harbour near twin Towns for a safe anchorage. This is a great place to spend the night with a fish and chips shop right there, an easy 10 minute walk to a great Chinese shop we discovered last trip or dine on board.

So, if you can get the day off, come down and join us. Yay!

Please note: Caution is required when entering the harbour, Enter from the southern entrance, Be aware the entrance is quite narrow and the current is strong especially during mid-tide. Enter the harbour with sufficient power to have good control of steering against the current. Once inside it is straight away a **4 knot zone**. You can anchor in the middle as most of the harbour will go down to 1.2 metre at low tide.

Dinner is on board or to one of the restaurants/shops nearby. If you are really keen last time we had a pizza at the Twin Towns venue.

Saturday 20th

For all members arriving on Saturday morning please plan to launch and be ready to depart Fingal Head boat ramp by 0915.

Departing there at 0930 we will head up stream for about 40 minutes and anchor near Stotts island. There we will lower our tenders and explore up and around half of the Island. This will take about 45 minutes navigating the narrow channel with fallen trees, and great scenery.

From Stotts Island we will continue upstream to Murwillumbah for lunch. The River View Hotel is booked for Middy for 20 people so please let me know as soon as possible so I can confirm the numbers with the Hotel. We will anchor in the river there, and tender to the nearby public pontoon and walk up to the Hotel. We can get a couple of boats on the pontoon also if it is unoccupied.

After lunch we will continue upstream for our overnight stay. Approximately 1 nautical mile from the hotel is a quiet stretch of the river where we will drop anchor. (For memory, 3 years ago, we had 1 boat go by). Happy hour will be here on private farmland with a small beach around 4pm (thanks to the farmer for allowing us to visit). I will bring along a small fire pit so don't forget those marshmallows. Dinner will be a sausage sizzle provided by the club on the beach. Feel free to bring your own fare as well!

Sunday 21st

This day is all yours to rest up the river on your boats or head down stream and drop anchor to try your luck at fishing. (remember you have to hold a NSW fishing licence to catch your prize fish)

A few trips ago we explored the nearby creek “Dunbible Creek” by tender. We never made it to the end so another attempt could be planned for the morning.

Launching facilities

Fingal Head boat ramp is a great sheltered/no current boat ramp. This is a great ramp but if it is a great day on Saturday it will be busy so get there early!

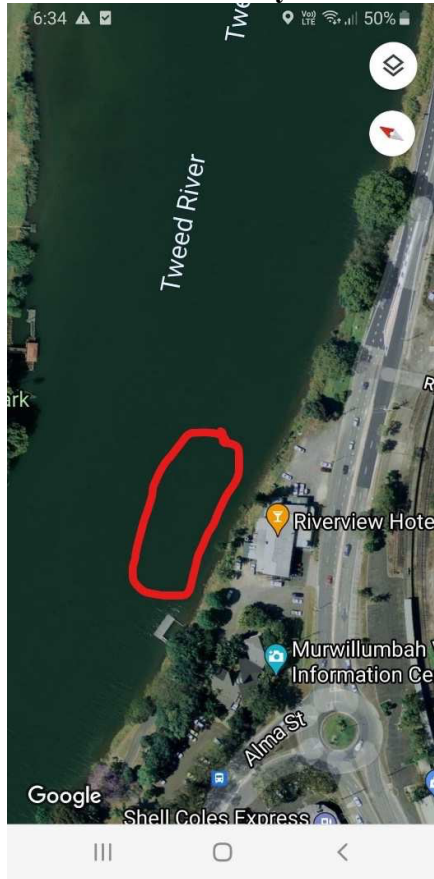
Dry Dock boat ramp is another ramp. Not as busy so could be an alternative if running late or it’s a great day. Give me a call on the waters for an update as to how busy they are. (as members launch please give me a call on how busy/full the ramps are please).

Locations:

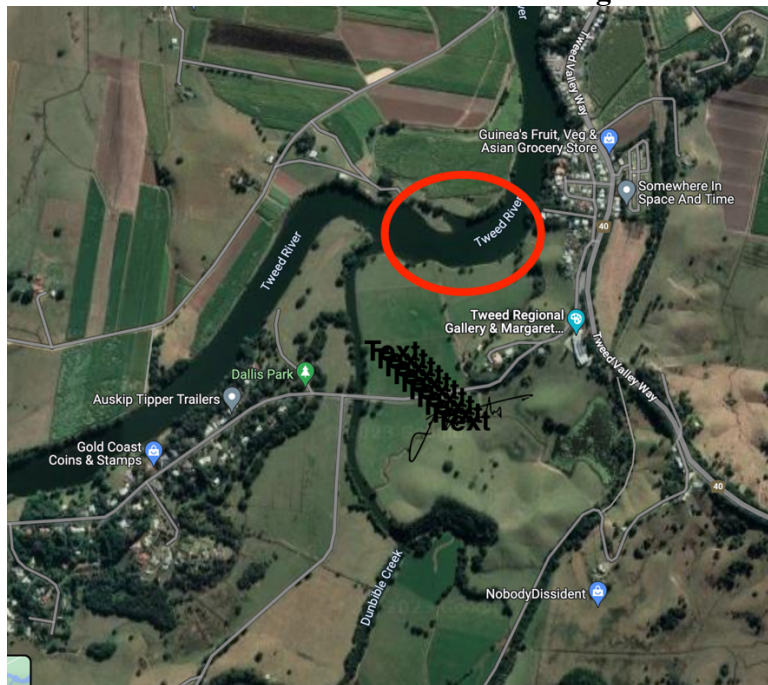
Jack Evans Boat Harbour Anchorage.



Murwillumbah Jetty and Anchorage

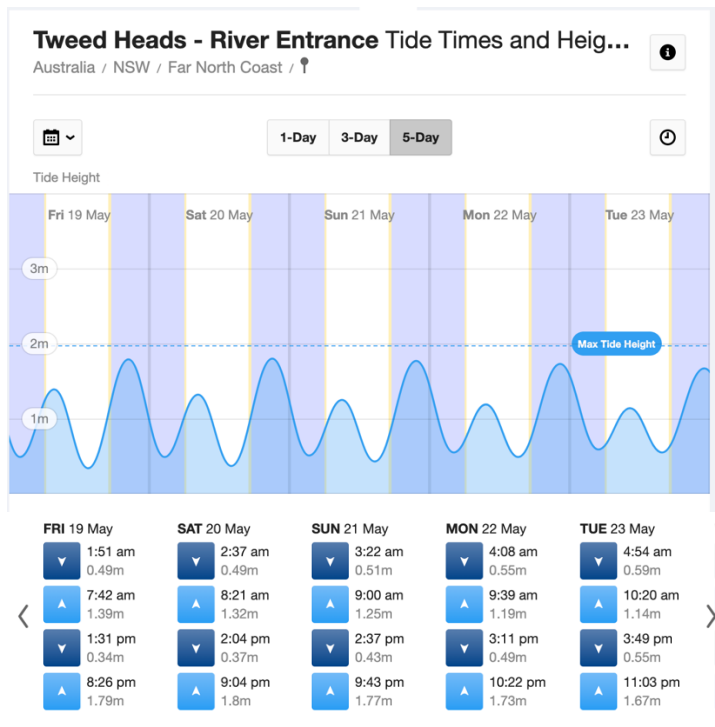


Dunbible Creek and Tweed River Anchorage.



Tides

This weekend we have a high tide around 8.30am at the Tweed River Entrance, Be careful of an ebbing tide while venturing up these isolated streams/Creeks.



Distances (from Navionics):

Fingal Boat Ramp to Jack Evans Boat Harbour 2.4Nm.

Jack Evans Boat Harbour to Murwillumbah 16.9Nm.

Murwillumbah to Dunbible Creek 1.0Nm.

Total: 19.8Nm. (return – 39.6Nm)

Remember for budgeting fuel, allow 30% contingency!!

Notes

1/ Please bring along that Mozzie guard, they live up there also.

2/ Radio: VHF **channel 72**

3/ While travelling on this river be aware of ski boats etc. Keep your required distance (30m) while passing.

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Please feel free to call me for any further information.

See you on the River.

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