

TRIP REPORT TO TIPPLERS FROM BROADWATER

21ST TO 23RD OCTOBER

TRIP LEADER Deb McCarthy

Paddlers Brian McCarthy

Jean-Marc Pitot

Mark Hessling

Shane Reeve

Kaye Watson

Tony Hirst



We all met at the Broadwater at 7.00am Tuesday morning. There was a healthy 10/15 knot South Easterly blowing and luckily for us heading our way. We headed straight across to South Straddie and got some calmer water but were still able to catch some nice runners.

Upon reaching Tipplers we had the choice of any site in the camping ground (not the weekend). We purchased a load of wood and looked forward to a 'volumptuous' campfire that evening.



On Wednesday Brian took us on a guided tour to the top of South Straddie. We were fortunate as Brian knows this area extremely well so we learnt history (Spanish Galleon), short cuts (Duck, Duck Creek), tides and the evolving life of the island (ie the sand blow that has almost cut the island in half).

We met up with Shane who had paddled in from Karragara and joined us for our second night at Tipplers. We covered around 22 Kms and did a few rolls on the way back for good measure. That evening we all enjoyed another 'volumptuous' campfire and all headed to bed for a well earned sleep. Curlews and Kangaroos kept us entertained all night.



Thursday morning Shane headed for home at 7.00 am and the rest of us took our time packing up camp and headed for the Broadwater at around 7.30am. The wind had dropped so we paddled back in perfect conditions enjoying the magnificent surroundings . A treat was due, so we popped into the park opposite Sovereign Island for a Bakery feed.



Back on the water we had a casual paddle back to the Broadwater. Everybody had a safe and enjoyable paddle. We have all agreed that we will attempt to make a mid week paddle and campover a regular event.

Keep your eyes open for the next event.

