

Tyagarah bushwalk – Wednesday 14 August

- **Meeting and ready to walk at 8.30.** Old Brunswick Rd Tyagarah.
- This is just on the Eastern side of the airport, off Grays Lane. Access to Grays lane is from Yarun Rd, (the service rd along the Eastern side of the highway). There is no direct access from the highway to Grays lane. Exit the highway from the Mullumbimby interchange The Tyagarah Shell Service station here, is the start of Yarun. From Yarun Rd turn left into Grays Lane then after only 30 meters, left into Old Brunswick Rd. Our meeting point is then some 500metres to the second buildings on the right with a big 'tree root sculpture' on front wall and Tyagarah Apiaries signage.

* **Michael Howes**, who has beekeeping rights to the property, and leases part of the building, will lead the walk with me. He will take us through an interesting range of vegetation - an easy grade 2 walk, for some 2 hours. There are no scratchy or steep areas, but we may have to push through creekside vegetation in places. Depending on the weather, we may have to wade ankle deep water for a short distance – sandy bottom, so bare feet OK or bring crocks or equivalent perhaps. While we will stay away from the worst areas, some Mosquito repellent may be wise.

* Back at the premises we will have a cuppa. Michael will also show us how he processes the honey and his range of varieties and pharmaceutical grade 'medicinal products'. There will be an opportunity to buy some if you wish. There is also an innovative solar power and battery system to inspect.

* Please bring a thermos and something for morning tea. Depending on the weather, we may have this outside under some trees, so bring folding chairs. There is also seating in the building if needed. I expect to finish around 11.00.

* For some background reading on the history of Tyagarah airport, you may like to browse the on-line magazine, Sports Pilot 22, April 2013 Pp 24 – 25. "The CIA's Aussie airport". Also - Aust Financial review March 1990 & Byron Echo 2015 We will discuss this while we have a cuppa.

* I like to give Michael a nice bottle of wine as a thankyou – appreciate a \$2 donation when you come.

In the event of very wet weather, look out for a message from me the evening before or the morning before 7am. No word from me - it's on! On the morning I will have mobile 0429311830

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