

Bushwalk Notes – August 2019:

Three self-guided bushwalks, starting from Dunwich Airfield, have been mapped and clearly marked with orange flagging tape.

Regular visitors to the airfield, Duncan and Kathryn Shiels, created these walks in 2011. Since then, they have continued to maintain these three walks with the help of Michael Wallace in the past and more recently Bill and Selina Coman.

To keep these walks open, a huge amount of clearing work has been undertaken, particularly in recent years, due to fire-damaged trees from the January 2014 bushfire continuing to collapse even now, five years later. Fortunately, as the new growth establishes itself and there are fewer heat and fire damaged trees falling over and fewer of these trees still standing, less clearing needs to be done.

Walks:

1. Cody's Walk is a short 2km loop walk to the west of the airfield, which should take about 30 minutes, so named after Cody the dog, who always liked it. We recommend a clockwise route for this walk.

2. Lookout Walk is a more challenging 3.2km loop walk, also to the west of the airfield which takes you to a lookout overlooking Dunwich with Peel Island, Moreton Bay and Brisbane in the distance. This should take about 45-50 minutes. For a slightly quicker trip to the lookout and back, use the PMG track for both outbound and return legs.

3. Dunwich Walk, the most challenging of the three walks, is a 4km walk into town - and 4km return. This walk takes about 55-60 minutes into Dunwich and 55-60 minutes back to the airfield. The track route, turnoffs and detours are marked with orange flagging tape.

The section of track from the lookout down to the security gate is quite narrow in places due to small areas of vigorous regrowth. Just keep on going, always scanning for the orange flagging tape and the track will widen again very soon.

Have morning tea or lunch in Dunwich at the Bakery. (Skip's Takeaway has now unfortunately closed). Toilets are down the slope next to the football club. Water bottles can be refilled here. There is also a tap under the Big Tree. For some **cold beer** and perhaps some Thai food to assist you on your return to the airfield, drop in to the [Dunwich RSL](#) - you've got to walk past it anyway!

For the Dunwich Walk in particular, especially during the hotter months, we recommend that you consider bringing a change of clothes, towel, soap etc. and having a shower at the clubhouse when you return.

N.B. For the arachnophobics, there will be spiders and spider webs on the Lookout and Dunwich Walks but don't worry - they are only large and quite friendly!

So why not stretch your legs after your flight with some fresh sea air and exercise?

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Dunwich Airfield

Shed

Dunwich Airfield
Welcome to our series of Dunwich Airfield Walks
Cody's Walk - 30 minutes

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Imagery Date: 4/2/2010

27°31'18.45" S, 153°25'33.39" E elev

75 m

eye alt

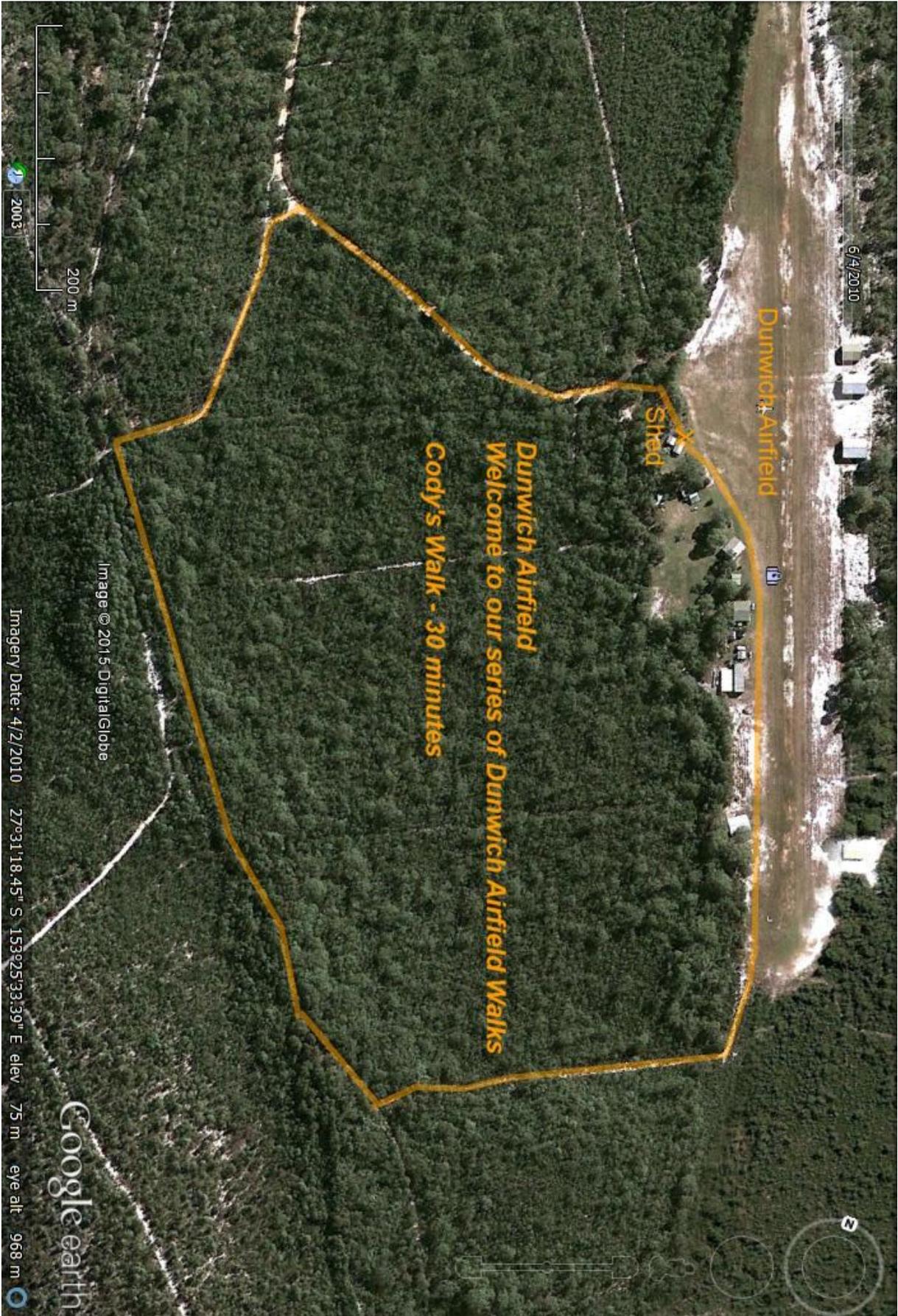
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Dunwich Airfield

PMG Track

Shed X

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Walk to Lookout - 50 minutes

Dunwich Track

Lookout X

302 m

2003

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27°31'03.06" S 153°25'18.95" E elev

81 m

eye alt: 1.28 km

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Dunwich Airfield Walks

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Walk to Dunwich - 55 minutes (and 55 minutes return)

X Walk on embankment around the new security fence and gate.

X Track is boggy here and should be avoided after heavy rain.

Dunwich Track

Lookout X

PMG Track

Dunwich Airfield

Shed X

X Dunwich Shops

601 m

2003

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Imagery Date: 6/4/2010

27°30'35.85" S 153°24'59.13" E elev 79 m

eye alt 2.64 km

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