



The Message Stick

October 2024

Mackay Bushwalkers' Club Inc. PO Box 1313, Mackay, 4740

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Future Events

Cape Palmerston Car Based Camp.....	5 th & 6 th October
Pinevale.....	13 th October
General Meeting	16 th October
City Surprise.....	17 th October
Mick Ready Beach.....	20 th October
Teemburra Creek.....	27 th October



Pinevale

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From the Editor

Just a reminder to members any person who attends a club walk must be a member. This includes children under 5.

Weather is unpredictable so please be aware that walks may need to be cancelled at short notice if the leader deems it unsafe to go ahead. Any cancellations will be advertised on the Club's Facebook Group.

Also remember that the terrain can be treacherous and have a possibility of poisonous animals and plants so be prepared with a small personal **First Aid kit**. It doesn't have to be huge but should include a snake bandage.

Trip Leader Bag

All walk's leaders need to arrange for the trip leader bag to be returned to Frances or Penny ASAP after every walk please. Our equipment officers need to check the bag each week to ensure it contains all the necessary equipment and forms needed for the following Sunday's Walk.

Assembly point for walks (unless otherwise advised):
CAR PARK - CORNER of ALFRED AND NELSON STREETS
Car Park address is 295 Alfred Street
Please arrive 15 minutes before walk start time.

Please make sure that if you would like to lead a walk in the following month please inform our walks coordinator Coral Morgan 0407 164 856 before the 15th of October

All items for the next newsletter including walk information for upcoming walks and previous walk write ups should be sent to mackaybushwalkingclub@gmail.com by 22nd of October.

Key to Walks Grading System

Distance

S = short – under 5km
M = medium – 5-10km
L = long – over 10km

Terrain

1-3 = Graded or open terrain, no scrub
4-7 = Bush, minor scrub, rainforest
8-10 = Rocks, creeks, rockhopping, scrambling, thick scrub, major rock scrambling using hands, technical

Difficulty

1-3 = Easy, suitable for beginners
4-7 = Medium, reasonable fitness required
8-10 = Hard, strenuous, fit walkers only

Future Events

All trip leaders please ensure you collect the club gear bag before undertaking your walk and return it as soon as possible afterwards.

Please contact the leader to nominate for all walks before 12.00pm the day before the walk unless otherwise stated.

Mackay Bushwalkers' Club is turning 50!



The club was formed when a group of 6 enthusiasts met on 20th November 1974 in response to a notice in the Daily Mercury placed by Bob Irvine. The very first walk was to Cut Creek on 24th November 1974

To celebrate this momentous occasion the club is holding a dinner

And you're invited!



Date: 6pm Wednesday 20th November 2024

Venue: Boomerang Hotel Nebo Road Private function room

RSVP: Email by 3rd November mackaybushwalkingclub@gmail.com

Tickets \$20 per person

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- bookings are confirmed when payment is made to the club bank account
- numbers are limited so first in best dressed! Partners are welcome
- we'll be inviting some of our memorable faces from days gone by
- food platters served on the night, a bar is available to purchase drinks
- bushwalking dress theme - prize for best dressed!
- please contact the dinner organisers above if you have interesting club photos (digital photos if possible), albums, videos, memorabilia, or anything else to display on the night - photos and items from the early days are most welcome!

Help us make this an anniversary to remember!



Cape Palmerstone Car Based Camp
Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th October

Leader: Coral Morgan 0407 164 856

Depart: n/a

Journey: n/a

Grade: n/a

Estimated walking time: n/a

Total of all uphill sections: n/a

Pace: n/a

Terrain: n/a

Vegetation: n/a

Expect: n/a

Pinevale
Sunday 13th October

Leader: Philip Morgan 0431 130 074

Depart: 6:00am 295 Alfred Street

Journey: 200km = \$20

Grade: M88

Estimated walking time: 8 – 10 Hours

Total of all uphill sections: 250m

Pace: Medium / Fast

Terrain: Creek walk, rock hopping

Vegetation: Some Scrub

Expect: We'll walk up Pinevale creek up to the derelict Pinevale copper mine. If time permits we will continue up to the waterfall (not likely to be flowing) and checkout orange shaft which is nearby.

May get wet feet crossing the pioneer but Pinevale creek itself will likely be dry.

Induction 6.30pm &
General Meeting 7.30pm
Wednesday 16th October

Downstairs room, Mackay Family Care and Community Support Association Centre 60 Wellington Street, Mackay. Newcomers and visitors welcome.

City Surprise
17th October

Leader: Coral Morgan 0407 164 856

Depart: 1:00 pm from back of ADRA car park on Milton Street.

Journey: n/a

Grade: n/a

Estimated walking time: n/a

Total of all uphill sections: n/a

Pace: n/a

Terrain: n/a

Vegetation: n/a

Expect: The exact route for this easy leisurely walk is a surprise and will probably take you to locations you have not visited before. Also the leader has not determined the exact route yet, at the time of writing. Please bring a touch as we need to be near the river at the time of low tide but will endeavour to be back before dark. Firefly's have been seen in this area. It could be a good idea to make sure you have some insect repellent.

Please call Leader to book in.

Mick Ready Beach
20th October

Leader: Coral Morgan 0407 164 856

Depart: 7am 295 Alfred Street

Journey: 80km = \$8

Grade: M21

Estimated walking time: 5 Hours

Total of all uphill sections: 20m

Pace: Slow

Terrain: Beach and Tracks

Vegetation: Open Forest and Sandy and Rocky Beach

Expect: We will be walking onto the beach along a rough 4x4 track and then crossing a shallow creek, beating in/coming tide. Expansive views are obtained from the headland of victor point. The more energetic may walk further along Salonica beach. The return will be inland along a 4x4 track around the head of the creek, be prepared to get your feet wet and bring sufficient drinking water.

Teemburra Creek

27th October

Leader: Peter Bennett 0427 383 732

Depart: 7:00am 295 Alfred Street

Journey: 160km = \$16

Grade: M44

Estimated walking time: 4 Hours

Total of all uphill sections: 50m

Pace: Average

Terrain: Uneven Terrain

Vegetation: Open Forest

Expect: swimming holes. Teemburra Creek is in the Mia Mia State Forest south west of the town of Pinnacle, and is surrounded by open forest.

The walk will take us along the relatively flat banks of Teemburra Creek, mainly following cattle tracks. There will be some swimming holes and a small amount of rock hopping involved. As this creek is frequented by cattle it may be an idea to bring your own drinking water. This walk is suitable for all your friends who would like an easy one to start them off on their discovery of the delights of bushwalking.

Bring food and water for the day.

We will need 4WD vehicles as the track into Captains Crossing is washed out.

To register for the walk please ring me (don't text) no later than 12.00 noon Saturday.

We will sign on at Marian School car park.

Previous Activities

Mt David

1st September 2024



I'd like to thank Phillip for taking 4 ladies up to Mt David. The Mountain area was rather dry this year with not too many leeches. Lots of palm trees fronds littered the ground in parts, but the ever present green of the rainforest is never lost. The creeks were only a gentle flow.



When we walked from the Junction to Mt David it was a nice walk which opened up a bit. We even passed through a patch of really tall ferns which was very different. We had birds the whole day as well. When we approached close to the Summit, we skirted a bouldery rock top until we went up onto a point we could comfortably sit on. Not much room up there!!

Some new climbing styles were seen here!! Wish we took photos!! We saw Mt Dalrymple just over and had the big views out. Phillip climbed up to get the overtop view. There were lots of orchids on top which surprised us. Different fungi was also seen along the way.



Great day had by all!!

Di Rutland

Pods Pinnacle

8th September 2024

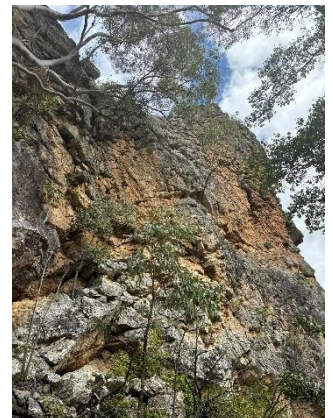


There were only 6 of us lucky enough to have a great day out on this new walk to Pod's Pinnacles on the 8th Sept 2024.

The weather was fine and all went well. We commenced the walk in Mt Britton "township" and walked up the 4wd track. Then into the creek which had lots of pools of crystal clear water with some trickling

flow in places. We had smoko as soon as we reached the creek.

Then up the creek past some elk-horns and orchids growing on the rocks and a beautiful little frog swimming in a pool, and we reached the bottom of Pod's Pinnacle. The lower of the 3 pinnacles is a vertical cliff into the creek. It was then that Lynne noticed her mobile phone was missing, lost somewhere along the creek. I assured Lynne we would find it on our way back as we would be going back along the creek later.





We all made the climb up to the top of the first pinnacle and then all of us also got to the top of the second one and we all fitted easily on top.

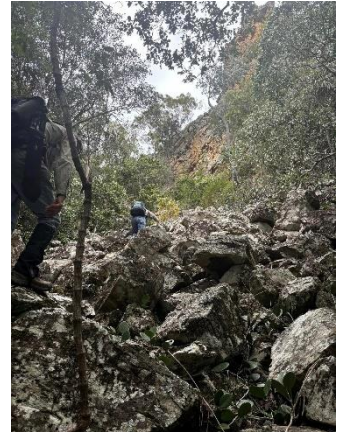
Here is a shot of us all on top of the second Pod's Pinnacle. Many thanks to Jim who got the shot of us from high on Diamond Cliffs.

We then walked up to the top of Pinnacle 3. We had a leisurely lunch up there in the shade, with great views of Diamond Cliffs, the Bluff and Pod's Pinnacle No 2.

We walked back under the cliff of Pinnacle 3 and back over the rock strewn area where the

rocks are falling off the Pinnacles. These will not last very long geologically.

Back down to the creek and it was not long before we found Lynne's mobile phone. Lynne was elated! We weren't all back to the Fig tree until 4:20 pm after a leisurely day. All were pleased with the walk, some saying it was much better than most Mt Britton walks due to such variety of what we covered. We had a great day out.



Pinnacle 3 with Pinnacle 2 and 1 in background

Kevin Smith



Mt Mc Gregor

15th September 2024



This walk is all on private property, which the landowner kindly gave us permission. The farm tracks had been recently bulldozed, and these took us all the way up to the ridge east of Mt Mc Gregor. There were some patches of lantana, and tangle scrub on the ridge, so the going was fairly slow and a bit scratchy. There are great views of the Pioneer River from Mt Mc Gregor, and

Various lookout points along the ridge. A short steep decent from the ridge and more tangly scratchy vegetation brought us to a wall of lantana about 100m from the Pioneer River. Fortunately, we came to a

gully which was free of lantana and this took us to the rainforest and the river. It is a serene and surprising quiet place beside the river, making for a pleasant lunch spot. We followed Toby creek out of the rain forest, and then the farm tracks, to arrive back at the cars. Thanks to my fellow walkers for an enjoyable day.

Ken Finelly



Park Walk

22nd September 2024



Who says a bush walk has to be out of the city centre? The walk around the paths of the Botanic Gardens in south Mackay and onto Canelands shopping centre was enjoyed by all. A very chatty and relaxed group numbered 8 and $\frac{1}{4}$ - Yes 8 and $\frac{1}{4}$. There were couple of newer member keen to try out their boots on an easier stroll before embarking on adventure tours and our youngest member 15month old Caspian rocking his pram wheels and even walking some distance himself. We met later so that we could enjoy a

sleep in and meeting at the gardens before setting off along the upper path then

looping back along the paths enjoying the shade and lagoon views. Our first dedicated break was the toilets, "Yes

flushing toilets not found in the bush", before we crossed the road and hiked up past the hospital and onto Canelands shopping centre where we enjoyed lunch and some hopped across the road to get the café food, pretty spoiled by convenience.

Our walk back was more straight forward but no less chatty and enjoyable walking

different paths once we arrived back at the garden area. It was a short 13km or there abouts with everyone

getting different reading on their devices but I think there was a few tired feet ready to relax after a great day. Thanks Telina for leading this walk pushing a pram and giving us a good day out.

Celestine Lambert



Sydney heads

The view of the Marling Spikes and the cliffs of Sydney Heads were spectacular and a bit intimidating, as we drove along Mount Addar road in the Homevale National Park. The vegetation was thicker and scratchier, and the slopes

steeper and looser than I remember, but the views from the top made the

scratches worth it. There are cliffs on both side and 360-degree views from the top, including the Marling Spikes, Mt Britton, Dimond Cliffs, The Bluff and the Mt Britton Township site. Thanks Di for taking us in your 4wd drive, and Jeanette, Lyn and Peter for joining me

Ken Finelly

