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December 2023/January 2024

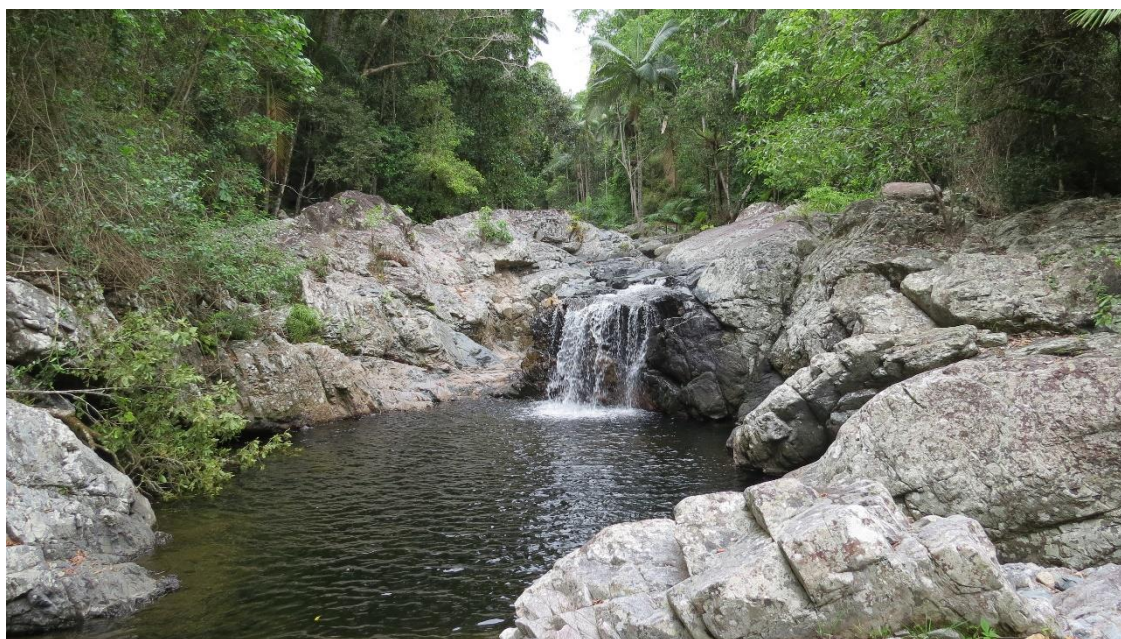
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Future Events

Eungella Tracks	14 th January
General Meeting.....	17 th January
Creek Walk	21 st January
To be Advised	28 th January



Dalrymple Creek

Club Officers

President	Peter Bennett	0427 383 732	Digital Officer	Bethany Morgan	0415 761 058
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From the President

A very big thank you goes to our outgoing committee for a job well done during 2023! I would like to thank Carole Weekes, Mari Simmonds and Coral Morgan for agreeing to continue in their roles in 2024: Carole as Vice President, Mari as Treasurer and Membership Secretary and Coral as Walks Coordinator. I would also like to welcome our new committee members: Philip Morgan as Secretary, Bethany Morgan as Digital Officer and Assistant Secretary and Frances Eiteneuer and Penny McMahon as Equipment Officers. Wendy Bennett is our temporary Newsletter Editor but we have a willing member to take over this role in early 2024. We hope you have a safe and happy festive season and look forward to seeing you in the great outdoors in 2024.

Peter Bennett

Key to Walks Grading System

Distance	Terrain	Difficulty
S = short – under 5km	1-3 = Graded or open terrain, no scrub	1-3 = Easy, suitable for beginners
M = medium – 5-10km	4-7 = Bush, minor scrub, rainforest	4-7 = Medium, reasonable fitness required
L = long – over 10km	8-10 = Rocks, creeks, rockhopping, scrambling, thick scrub, major rock scrambling using hands, technical	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.

Eungella Tracks Sunday 14th January

Leader: To Be Advised

Depart : 7:00am

Journey: 180km \$18.00

Total of all uphill sections: 100m

Pace: average

Terrain: Graded walking tracks

Vegetation: rainforest

Expect: leeches and swimming holes

Depart: 7am Mackay

This walk is suitable for beginners, with moderate to high level of fitness required for a long track with some slopes. This is a return walk, of approximately 16km, but there may be an easier option on the day.

Induction 6.30pm & General Meeting 7.30pm Wednesday 17th January

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

Creek Walk Sunday 21st January

Leader: Peter Bennett 0427 383 732

Depart : 7:00am

More details will be posted to Facebook after the January monthly meeting.

Previous Activities

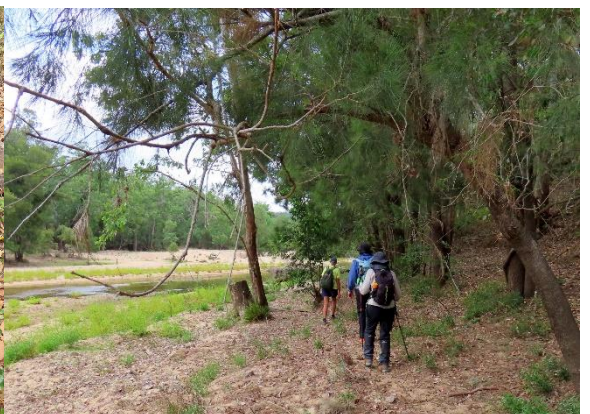
Black's Creek 19th November

8 Bushwalkers enjoyed a great day walking up Blacks Creek. Cloud cover was welcome as we started off along the sandy creek bed until we ventured into the shade of the trees. We organized



the obligatory photo shoot of us at the huge fig tree. Many reminiscences were shared of previous visits to this tree. Morning tea was taken beside the creek in the shade. A little further up, 2 stayed there, while 6 of us continued up to the rapids, sometimes along steep and narrow tracks (and a bit of backtracking), until reaching "the rapids" for lunch, and swim (not a lot of water). To return, we crossed the creek, which was little more than ankle deep at this point. Only a little further down we crossed back to join the other 2 walkers and were amazed that whilst it took us a good hour from when we left them to get to our lunch spot, it took about 15 minutes to return via

the opposite side of the creek. A good walk with good company. Thankyou Frances.
Penny McMahon



Dalrymple Creek 26th November



On my Dalrymple Creek walk, six of us enjoyed a pleasant creek walk. We walked about four kilometres from our cars up Dalrymple Creek. The day was overcast with a few light drizzles during the day, not enough to discourage our walk. We found a few water holes to swim in and a few moonlighters to stay clear off. Dalrymple creek is an easy creek walk which we all enjoyed.

Peter Bennett



Christmas Break-Up 2nd December



A great social afternoon at the Harbour (New Mulheron Park) for the Christmas get together, was enjoyed by 14 of us. We were too full of pre dinner food for anyone to bother having a BBQ. After the heat of the day, we enjoyed a lovely cool breeze at the Harbour. The sky became ominous & threatened a storm ... but it did not happen, just a beautiful sunset. Some went home but 4 of us continued for a lovely beach walk in the cool of the evening.

Penny McMahon

