

The Message Stick November 2023

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Broken River

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From the Editor

November is AGM time. There will be vacancies on the committee, so if you would like to take on a role, contact someone on the committee and let us know, or please come to the AGM.

Hope to see you at the End of Year Break-up if you can make it, as always, it is a busy time of year! May you all have a safe, relaxing and happy festive season, and summer break. Look forward to seeing you again next year!

> Items for the next newsletter should be sent to mackay.bushwalkers@gmail.com by 24th January 2024

Key to Walks Grading System

Distance Terrain Difficulty

S = short - under 5kmM = medium - 5-10kmL = long - over 10km

1-3 = Graded or open terrain, no scrub 4-7 = Bush, minor scrub, rainforest, 8-10 = Rocks, creeks, rockhopping, scrambling, 8-10 = Hard, strenuous, fit walkers only

thick scrub, major rock scrambling using hands, technical

1-3 = Easy, suitable for beginners

4-7 = Medium, reasonable fitness required

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.

The Beak **Sunday 5th November**

Leader: Jenny Wooding 0447091532

Depart: 7:00am Journey: 320km \$32.00 Map Ref: Proserpine 875567

Grade: S44

Estimated Walking Time: 4 hours

Pace: Average

Terrain: Beach, tracks, rocks **Vegetation:** Minor bush and scrub

Total uphill: 100m

Expect: Some scrambling, jellyfish, sand,

mangroves, stunning scenery.

This walk has WOW factor and is suitable for most but does involve some off track bush bashing and scrambling over rocks and headlands. The reward for this effort will be stunning views of the Whitsunday Islands.

We begin the day near Shute Harbour where we will walk on track to Coral Beach and then up to the lookout where we will have morning tea. From here we will traverse a ridge down to Cane Cockies Beach. We will then make our way around several headlands taking us to another 4 beaches. Previously we have encountered naked people and whales on this walk – no promises but expect to be surprised. It could be guite hot on this walk so bring plenty of water and sunscreen.

To Be Advised Sunday 12th November

Induction 6.30pm Annual General Meeting 7.30pm Wednesday 15th November

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

Blacks Creek Sunday 19th November

Leader: Frances Eiteneuer 0447866188 **Co Leader:** Penny McMahon 0421071294

Depart: 7 am

Journey: 130 km \$13 **Map Ref:** Mirani 901423

Grade: M55

Estimated walking time: 5-6 Hours.

Pace: average.

Terrain: uneven rock and sandy creek bed. Hot in the creek bed but nice and shady along the cattle tracks on the undulating bank.

The aim is to follow the creek bed as far as possible then go along the bank before

returning to the creek. It may be possible to swim if there is enough water in the creek.

This walk offers the chance to form two groups. A slower group could walk comfortably at their own pace while the more energetic ones can go as far as they would like.

You will need to carry drinking water for the whole day.

End of Year Break-up Saturday 2nd December

Time: 4.30pm

Place: Mulherin Park at the Harbour, near the Surf Lifesaving Club, at whichever shelter we

can stake a claim to.

Bring: food for yourself and/or to share, drinks, chair, insect repellent, good cheer. **Expected walking time:** approx. 2 mins. **Total of all uphill sections**: approx. 5m

Terrain: sloping Vegetation: turf

Expect: a relaxed social gathering, hopefully with cool breezes and not many sandflies. There will be electric BBQs nearby for those who want to cook something, or you can bring your own portable cooking device if you prefer.

Previous Activities

The Diggings Broken River – Buck Creek Sunday 8th October

The Bureau of meteorology said there was 90% chance of no rain at all. They got that wrong. We all agreed that we got much more than the supposed 10%. Despite being a bit damp at times it was still a good day. Rocks a bit slippery maybe but nobody fell over.

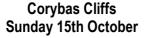
All the landmarks for this walk were successfully found and explored at a leisurely pace.

Although Ken had never been on this walk before, an excellent job was made of getting us there and back.

Thanks Ken, good to see someone having a go, we will miss you until you come back next year.

Garry Hendicott





Eleven Bushwalkers joined in this scenically beautiful walk. After leaving the road we headed up a fairly steep climb, through some thick undergrowth & grass trees to the base of the Corybas Cliffs. We followed the cliff line to the Fern Overhang for rest & morning tea. After again following the cliff line for a short while, we headed across to the cliffs on the opposite side of the gully, and entered the Cathedral Cave. Later, after checking out the view from the rocks above the Cathedral Cave, we then found the taped track and followed it up to the main

lookout. It was quite a warm day but fortunately, the breeze kept us cool enough to enjoy lunch and take in the view from the rocks there. Our return trip was via the taped track. I believe we all enjoyed the walk, views and company.

Penny McMahon



