



The Message Stick

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Future Events

Fantail Hill.....	5 th August
Mt St John.....	12 th August
General Meeting.....	15 th August
The Beak.....	19 th August
Mt Britton Camp.....	25 th & 26 th August
Crediton Loop Walk.....	2 nd September



Club Members enjoying Wallaman Falls on a recent camping trip to Broadwater near Ingham.

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From the Editor

Thanks to everyone who came along to the party Garry and I held to celebrate our 60th birthdays. We had a fun night and I was amazed at how much effort people put into their outfits – some looked as though they had stepped straight from the 60s. We had a great assortment of food to share so thanks again everyone.

August has some varied walks on offer so hopefully most can make use of the nice weather to get out into the bush for some great walking and even better company.

Have a great month everyone.

**Items for the next newsletter should
be sent to**

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prior to 26th August

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,

Rocks, creeks, rockhopping, scrambling

8-10 = Bush as above + 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 from Julie before undertaking your walk.

Please contact the leader to nominate for all walks

Fantail Hill – Seven Mile Creek Sunday 5 August

Leader: Kevin Smith 49696068 0417326634

Depart : 7:00am

Journey: 140km \$14.00

Grade: M75

Estimated walking time 5 – 6 Hrs **Total Uphill:**

240m **Terrain:** Uneven, scrub, some scrambling and rock hopping.

This is a through walk from Teemurra Creek Rd to Septimus so will involve a car shuffle.

We will be walking up Teemurra Ck Rd and then to the top of Fantail Hill and hopefully see plenty of Grey Fantails. Then down through some open forest into Seven Mile Creek and come to the top of a high waterfall. A scramble down beside this waterfall and down the creek encountering a number of various sized attractive waterfalls. We inspect an old concrete dam wall and then rock-hop along the creek before exiting on private property to shuffle cars.

**Mt St John
Sunday 12th August**

Leader: Ian Burgess (Mob 0428 875 991)
***Please ring before 12:00 midday Saturday**
Depart: 7:00am
Journey: 200km \$20.00
Map Ref: Hillalong 549495
Grade: M65

Estimated walking time: 5 hours. **Total of all uphill sections:** 450m. **Pace:** slow uphill/average down. **Terrain:** very uneven. **Vegetation:** open forest. **Expect:** some steep slopes, steep scrambles, long grass, spear grass, lantana. Mt St John is a small prominent mountain in the Crediton area. Good views should be available from the summit: Mt Dalrymple to the north, Mt Britton and Teemburra areas to the east and the Glenden area to the west. Be prepared for long grass and scratchy vegetation so longs are recommended. You will need to carry water for the whole day.

**Induction 6.30pm/ General Meeting 7.30pm
Wednesday 15th August**

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

**The Beak
Sunday 19th August**

Leader: Jenny Wooding 49440236, 0447091532, jennywooding@dodo.com.au
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 is suitable for everyone 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 and hopefully seeing whales at play. 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. In the past we had an extra beach but Cyclone Debbie has removed that one. Previously we have encountered naked people and whales on this walk – no promises but expect to be surprised.

**Homevale Camp
25th & 26th August**

Saturday 25th (easy walk)

Leader: Coral Morgan 49578474
Depart: 7am
Journey: 240kms \$24
Grade: M54

We will park near the creek crossing and do an exploratory walk downstream which is expected to be easy. It is planned to finish mid-afternoon, before proceeding to the township campsite to set up camp and enjoy a fire.

Sunday 26th Mt Britton (hard walk) and alternate easy walk

Leaders: Ken Fihelly 0427 718 282 and Coral Ken will leave town at 6.30am and his group will join those already camping at the Mt Adder turnoff for the short 4WD to Mt Britton. Ken will lead a challenging climb up at Mt Britton and the Arch (or hole in the wall)
Graded M87. This will be a circuit route. Meanwhile Coral's group will also do the awesome natural arch, plus an easier walk (M64).
All Participants are required to contact Coral by Wed 22nd. Please advise of availability of 4WD vehicles.

Previous Activities

The Gooseponds Sunday 1st July



I can say that the walk was a lovely crack of dawn lazy Sunday morning urban walk around the Gooseponds and Jane Creek, created lots of chatter and laughter with lovely ladies from the club, finishing up enjoying Sunday lunch with Penny, Elaine, Lesley, Wendy, Carole, Edie and Jeanette.

Jeanette

Broadwater camp 9th – 11th July

Nine of us made our way to Broadwater near Ingham to camp for at least 2 nights. On the Tuesday we walked the Dalrymple Gap Track - something which has been calling to Coral for a long time. It was a pleasant walk and we enjoyed playing on the old stone bridge which had been constructed during the 1860s. The walk had something like 11 creek crossings for us to negotiate and the bush was nice rainforest with a variety of bird life. The following day some left to return to Mackay but Garry, Penny, June, Bryan and myself headed off to Wallaman Falls which is the largest single drop waterfall in Australia.



Another 3 headed off the following day which left Garry and I for another night. We had a pleasant day exploring Broadwater Creek.

The camp was a lot of fun as usual and we were all impressed at how much gear June could fit into her tiny car.

Garry and I rounded off the trip nicely by enjoying a stopover at Dan and Paula's. It was great to catch up with an old friend.

Cape Hillsborough 15th July 2018



It was a beautiful clear day as about 12 of us met for a walk to the top of Cape Hillsborough. After battling through some tree-falls, and other cyclone damage, we reached the top and enjoyed great 360 degree views, north to the Whitsundays, south to Wedge Island and the headlands north of Mackay, and west to Mt Jukes

and the Clarke Range in the distance. We visited a few caves and overhangs on our way down, and found a route around the base of some cliffs. It's a spectacular place.



Ken

Blue Water Trail Sunday 22nd July

We were only a small group, and it wasn't Mt Dalrymple, but 11 kms were covered before lunch, and the remaining three participants walked another 5 or 6 kms before arriving back at the cars just before three o'clock. With Coral at the helm, we knew it wasn't going to be any ordinary Blue Water outing, but we were unaware at the start just how customised a version we were going to be served up.

The cars were left at the Regional Botanical Gardens, and the morning started with a very pleasant stroll through some of the forested areas and then a trip to the South Sea Islanders Hut. Various items of cultural and historical interest were observed, and we spotted a Mt Blackwood Holly in flower as well as gums, bottle brushes and aquatic species. As it was still quite early, the birdsong was pleasant and a number of forest and water birds were in evidence.

Our walk then took us through the nursery car park and on to an area of upper end residences before we left the gardens area and crossed the road ready to pick up the Blue Water Trail on its journey towards the river. The Lagoons Creek wetland areas, including a fish ladder, drew our attention, and then it wasn't long before we were enjoying morning tea in the shade near the Community Gardens.

Along the next section of the trail, we encountered a penny farthing cyclist, a couple of friendly little dogs who liked our company rather than that of the owners, and family groups enjoying the great weather. Then Coral turned our stroll into a bushwalk as she had us following her up the bank near the bridge to a recently mown area parallel to the approaches to the bridge, with scrub adjacent which as recently as March had been the home of a thriving flying fox community. This was now nowhere to be seen, but bird sightings partly compensated for the disappointment.

We returned to the trail for the final approach to Caneland, where Frances and Coral were driven back to the cars by Delma. Carmel, Maureen and I had a coffee and then set off along the next section of the river walk and enjoyed our lunch overlooking the Pioneer. It was then a case of cutting down Nelson St to eventually access the cross city corridor and following the track to Webberley St and hence to the cars at the gardens.

Thanks Coral for leading us astray. It was a good day and a good leg stretch, and thanks to everyone for the great company.
Carole

Mt Dalrymple Sunday 22nd July

