



The Message Stick

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Future Events

Pinevale	28 th January
Lineel Falls/Pretty Creek loop.....	11 th February
Leaders lunch/seminar.....	17 th February
General Meeting	21 st February
Walk to be led by Kate.....	25 th February



Club walk to the Leap in November 2017

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From the Editor

I hope everyone has had an enjoyable holiday break.

Garry and I had a fantastic time in New Zealand with the highlight being our backpacking trip to Great Barrier Island. Unfortunately a mini cyclone which came through shortened our trip to the island by a couple of days but it is definitely somewhere we would love to return to. I shall put a few photos on the end of the newsletter.

If you would like to lead a walk in 2018, please don't be shy in coming forward. We have a couple of spare weekends in February but if anyone would like to put their hand up for either of those days, contact me and I will let people know via the club's Facebook page.

For those interested, the proposed date for the St Lawrence Wetlands Weekend is the second weekend of June.

Once this has been confirmed I will put it on the Club's walks calendar.

Happy walking everyone

**Items for the next newsletter should
be sent to
jennywooding@dodo.com.au
prior to 24th February**

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

Terrain

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

**Pinevale Creek
Sunday 28th January**

Leader: Peter Bennett 0427383732
Departure: 7:00am
Journey: 160km \$16.00
Map Ref: Mirani 910430

Grade: M66

Estimated walking time: 5 hours **Total of all uphill sections:** 120m **Pace:** slow **Terrain:** very uneven terrain **Vegetation:** rain forest **Expect:** some rockhopping, lantana, spear grass, swimming holes.

This walk has not been done for some time, so we will find out how much this area has changed. We

will begin walking just below the place where the Pioneer River begins, at the junction of Black's Creek and Black Waterhole Creek. Depending on water levels, there may be a chance for a swim at the end of the walk. The plan is to follow Pinevale Creek along an unused road to the site of a disused copper mine. We will then rock hop further up the creek. This is a fairly easy walk up to the mine, but after that it may become a bit more challenging for some. However as this walk is not a long one, there will be no need to rush on the day.

You will need to carry water and food for the whole day.

A change of clothes to travel home is a must.

Please ring me (do not text) to register before 12.00pm on the Saturday before the walk.

Lineel Falls/Pretty Creek Loop.

Sunday 11th February

Leader: Jenny Wooding 49440236 0447091532

Depart: 7.00am

Journey: 200km \$20

Grade: M65

Map Ref: Mirani 669 731

Estimated walking time: 5 hours **Total of all**

uphill sections: 100m **Pace:** medium

Terrain: Rainforest, rockhopping, some scrambling, creek crossings. **Expect:** Nice

swimming holes and some off track bashing

This walk begins on the Western trail to Mt Dalrymple before we will head off on a ridge down to the junction of Pretty Creek with another creek.

We will explore a little way downstream in Pretty Creek where there are some spectacular swimming holes. We will then head back to the junction and diverge 150m or so upstream to visit

Lineel Falls. From here we will travel 800m back up Pretty Creek via some small waterfalls and micro gorges to where we will rejoin the western trail to return to the cars. The creek is quite spectacular in this section.

This walk is weather dependent and will not go ahead if there has been heavy rain in the days beforehand or forecast for the actual day.

Leader's Lunch and Seminar

Saturday 17th February

Coordinator: Coral Morgan 49578474

Venue: Harrup Park

Time: 11.30am

This lunch event is for 2017 Walks Leaders and current committee members. It is a thank you for their efforts and to plan walks and events for the coming year.

Please RSVP to Coral if you are eligible to attend by February 14th

Induction 6.30pm/ General Meeting 7.30pm

Wednesday 21st February

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

Induction by Bryan and Clive

Mystery Walk

Sunday 25th February

This walk will be led by Kate but she is still working on the details. Once she has decided I will put it on the Club's Facebook page.

Previous Activities

The Leap

19th November

Photos taken on the Club's walk on November 19th, 2017

Thanks to Penny for the photos





New Zealand North Island and Great Barrier Island

