



## MACKAY BUSHWALKERS' CLUB INC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

**Membership Period:** Membership period is for 12 months from 1<sup>st</sup> July to 30<sup>th</sup> June. Membership must be renewed each year prior to 1<sup>st</sup> July.

Membership application forms should be posted together with payment to:

**The Secretary, Mackay Bushwalkers' Club Inc,  
PO Box 1313, Mackay Qld 4740.  
Or via**

**BSB: 064 707 Account: 10047598 using your name as Reference.**

**You must still complete and return a membership form to the secretary with this option.**

FEES	
Ordinary membership	\$35.00 adult \$15.00 under 18 yrs
Day membership all persons	\$5.00
PRORATA FEE STRUCTURE	
1 July – 30 June (Full Year)	\$35.00
February to 30 June	\$30.00
March to 30 June	\$25.00
April to 30 June	\$20.00
May to 30 June	\$15.00

## YOU MUST BE A FINANCIAL CLUB MEMBER TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY CLUB ACTIVITY.

Non-members are required to attend a half hour induction meeting before applying to become a member of the Mackay Bushwalkers' Club. Inductions are held prior to our General Monthly Meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at The Downstairs Room of the Mackay Family Care and Community Support Association Centre at 60 Wellington St Mackay commencing at 6.30pm. To nominate for an induction meeting please ring the club Contact Officer.

Non-members can choose to take out either an **Ordinary Membership** or **Day Membership** by completing the membership form in full and handing it, together with appropriate fees to the induction facilitator.

At each monthly meeting, Inductees are accepted/not accepted as members by MBC member votes. Day members names who have been inducted within the past month will also be put up for consideration.

**Day Membership:** Day Membership is a limited membership of the Club for one day only and the cost is \$5 per person. Day Members are not entitled to vote at Club meetings. Day Membership can be taken out on one occasion only and after this you must become an ordinary member to be able to participate in club activities.

**Ordinary Membership:** Ordinary Membership is a full membership of the Club and the cost is \$35 per person or \$15 per person under 18 years of age. Ordinary Members are entitled to participate in a wide range of Club Activities throughout the Membership Period.

**To participate in any camping activity, you must be an Ordinary Member of the Club. You are expected to attend at least one day walk before attending any backpack camp.**

**Renewal of Ordinary Membership:** After the expiration of your current period of membership, ***you will not be able to participate in any activities until you have renewed your membership.*** Ordinary Members who wish to renew their membership must complete the Application Form and pay the appropriate fees. Your membership will then be automatically renewed provided you have done so within one month of the expiration of the current period of membership. After that time, your application will be treated as a new application and will have to be accepted by vote at the next Club meeting prior to participating in activities.

**Mackay Bushwalkers Club Inc**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISKS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS**



This acknowledgement of risks applies to all club activities I may undertake as a member of *Mackay Bushwalkers Club Inc* (The Club). In voluntarily participating in activities of the Club which are described to me by the activity leaders I am aware that my participation in the activities may expose me to hazards and risks that could lead to injury, illness or death or to loss of or damage to my property. I also acknowledge that I may encounter weather conditions that could lead to hypothermia and being in locations where evacuation for medical treatment may take hours or days.

In particular when participating in abseiling or above the snowline activities I am aware that these activities could expose me to additional hazards and risks described to me by the activity leader.

To minimise risks I will endeavour to ensure that

1. Each activity is within my capabilities,
2. I am carrying food, water and equipment appropriate for the activity.
3. I will advise the activity leader if I am taking any medication or have any physical or other limitation that might affect my participation in the activity.
4. I will make every effort to remain with the rest of the party during the activity
5. I will advise the leader of any concerns I am having, and
6. I will comply with all reasonable instructions of club officers and the activity leader.

I have read and understand the above requirements. I have considered the risks before choosing to sign this acknowledgement of risk. I still wish to join the activities of the Club. I acknowledge that I will take responsibility for my own actions and that signing this form and the payment of my subscription will be deemed as full acceptance and understanding of the above conditions.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

(If applicant is under 18 years of age, parent or guardian must sign and also complete a separate Child Risk Waiver Form)

**MEDIA AUTHORISATION**

I permit  do not permit  Mackay Bushwalkers Club Inc. to use photographs/visual/video/audio recordings and any other reproductions or adaptations either complete or in part alone or in conjunction with any wording and/or drawings for all uses relating to training or publicity and/or editorial purposes. I understand that I do not have any interest in the copyright to the photographs/visual/video/audio recordings.

**Full name of applicant for membership (please print):**

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**Date of birth:**.....

**Full name of parent or guardian if applicant is under 18 years of age:**

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**Residential address:**

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**Postal address if different:**

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**Telephone:** ..... **Mobile:** .....

**E-mail address: (for club event notifications)**

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**EMERGENCY CONTACT/S (name and phone number/s):**

**MEDICAL CONDITIONS**

List any medical conditions: (eg, asthma, allergies, epilepsy, heart condition)

**QUALIFICATIONS**

List first aid and/or other qualifications which are relevant to activities of the Club:

Qualification ..... Expiry Date

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Application for  Day membership  Ordinary membership

**The Monthly Newsletter can be viewed on the MBC Website:**

<http://www.mackay.bwq.org.au>

Amount paid:.....Receipt #:.....Date:.....Member Card Given:.....

# CHILD RISK WAIVER FORM

## MACKAY BUSHWALKERS' CLUB INC



### RISK WAIVER FOR A CHILD

**(To be signed by parent or guardian and to accompany the Membership Application Form)**

**I am the parent/guardian of.....(full name of child)**

(hereinafter referred to as 'my child') whose **date of birth is** ...../...../.....

I consent to my child participating in the activities of Mackay Bushwalkers' Club Inc.

I understand that my child may be exposed to risks that could lead to injury, illness or death or to loss of or damage to my child's property. Those risks may include but are not limited to slippery and/or uneven surfaces, rocks being dislodged, falling at edges of cliffs or drops or elsewhere, risks associated with crossing creeks, hypothermia and heat exhaustion. I believe that this activity is within the capability of my child and that she/he will carry food, water and equipment appropriate for the activity. I will advise the Trip Leader if the child is taking any medication or has any physical or other limitations that might affect her/his participation in the activity. I have read or heard and understand these requirements, I have considered the risks before choosing to sign this form.

I still wish my child to participate in the activities of Mackay Bushwalkers' Club Inc. I accept that in signing this form I am waiving my and my child's rights to sue the Trip Leader, the Mackay Bushwalkers' Club Inc and other participants. I agree that any contract arising from the child's participation will exclude any liability arising from the supply of goods and services by the Club Leaders. My consent is binding on my child.

Signed:

.....(Parent/Guardian)

.....(Print Name)

.....(Address)

.....(Phone)

.....(Date)



## Mackay Bushwalkers' Club Inc General Information

Have you ever tried bushwalking? It is a great way to unwind from the speed of modern life and to get good exercise at the same time. Bushwalking is fun and a great way to meet people. The desire to explore the natural world around us is the heritage from which our country developed. Bushwalking is the true spirit of Australia.

The Mackay region is particularly well situated with many diverse areas for bushwalking, including the substantial wilderness areas of Eungella National Park.

**THE CLUB:** The Mackay Bushwalkers' Club Inc has been operating since 1974. The aim of the Club is to foster bushwalking as a recreational activity. Its organisation is very low key. A monthly general meeting is usually held at 7:30pm on the third Wednesday of each month at the downstairs room of the Mackay Family Care and Community Support Association Centre, 60 Wellington Street, Mackay. Interested persons are welcome at these meetings.

**The Club produces a Monthly Newsletter (it can be viewed on the**

**Mackay Bushwalkers' Club Inc Website:**

<http://www.mackay.bwg.org.au>

which gives descriptions of future walks, indicating how hard they are and the type of country through which the walk will go.

**DAY WALKS:** Walkers are required to nominate for outings by contacting the Trip Leader NO later than 12 midday the day prior, unless otherwise stated. Nominating earlier is preferable. The most common activity of the Club is the Day Walk. We leave town in the morning, drive to the area of the walk, then spend much of the day walking. We carry our lunch and have it somewhere in the bush, walk back to the cars and normally return to town at about dark.

Walks vary from dry mountains with no water to creeks where we have plenty of opportunities for swimming. Walks take in a wide variety of natural scenery. Day walks are almost always on Sundays and usually leave at 7:00am. (Times are given in the newsletter.) We meet at the Car Park on the corner of Nelson & Alfred Streets opposite Jubilee Park. To come on a day walk, turn up 15 MINUTES BEFORE DEPARTURE TIME at the car park. A trip leader is appointed for each activity.

**OTHER ACTIVITIES:** From time to time the Club organises camps and social activities. Camps are usually for a weekend and vary from camping at the cars to carrying all camping gear in a backpack and walking to a campsite. **To attend backpack camps, persons must be a Club member and have attended at least one day walk before the backpack camp.**

The club also plans longer trips, usually one week, to more distant locations. The Club also has some abseiling activities. Fees for these other activities are additional to membership fees and will be detailed in trip descriptions.

**HOW TO JOIN:** To become a member you will need to attend a half hour induction meeting. Induction meetings are held prior to our General Monthly Meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at The Downstairs Room of the Mackay Family Care and Community Support Association Centre, 60 Wellington Street, Mackay and begin at 6.30pm.

**To nominate for induction meetings please ring the club Contact Officer.**

**TRANSPORT:** We take a practical number of vehicles for walks. Persons can either take their own car or go as a passenger in another car, depending on the availability of cars. Passengers are asked to contribute an amount for the car owner's costs. The recommended cost is 10 cents per kilometre for the trip length. (For example, a trip to Broken River is 90km each way, a total trip of 180km and the contribution amount would be \$18.00.)

**TRIP LEADERS:** Trip leaders are appointed for Club walks. It is the responsibility of the trip leader to write a description of the walk for the Club newsletter, to organise transport and to guide walkers to and from the destination of the walk. Leaders usually have a good knowledge of the area in which they are leading the walk. Sometimes walks are described as "exploratory". This means that the leader has not been there before and cannot guarantee the nature of the walk.

**MEMBERSHIP FEES:** There are two types of membership you can take to attend club activities.

**Ordinary Membership** of the club incurs an annual membership fee and entitles you to attend any club activity within that membership period. Our membership period is from July 1 to June 30 each year.

**Day Membership** incurs a day membership fee and entitles you to attend that day's walk only. (You cannot attend a camp as a day member) Day Membership can be taken out on one occasion only. After this you must become an ordinary member to be able to participate in club activities.

**WHAT TO BRING AND WHAT TO WEAR:** For a day walk you will need a small backpack. Long sleeves and trousers, a hat, sunscreen and sturdy shoes are recommended. You may also want to bring suitable attire for swimming where opportunities exist. **The following should be carried on every day walk:** small torch, at least two litres of water, food, sunscreen, hat, raincoat, insect repellent (cream Rid is very popular with walkers), small whistle, emergency kit (containing paper, pencil, fire starting equipment such as matches or cigarette lighter, first aid equipment). By all means bring a camera and/or binoculars but remember you will have to carry them all day.

**PEOPLE:** You will find us a friendly group of people. A wide variety of people from all ages walk with the Club, including cane farmers, doctors, retirees, housewives, unemployed, teachers, students, cleaners, technicians, etc. Some walks are suitable for younger children but you should check with the trip leader beforehand.

**All activity costs, including membership fees, must be paid prior to participating in any club activity.**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION RING THE CLUB CONTACT OFFICER.**

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# Mackay Bushwalkers' Club Inc By Laws

## Outing Rules for Club Activities

1. All persons intending to participate in an outing must contact the leader **NO later than 12 midday the day prior, unless otherwise stated. Nominating earlier is preferable.** Arrival at the assembly area for this outing **MUST** be at least 15 minutes before the advertised departure time, to allow for transport arrangements to be made. Persons intending to make their vehicles available for transport should have their vehicles fuelled and in a roadworthy condition. The decision as to which vehicles go on the outing is at the discretion of the trip leader.
2. All vehicles being used in an activity must leave the assembly area together and follow the trip leader's vehicle in convoy. Each driver should constantly check the vehicle behind and if it is not still following; stop and wait for it. All drivers must stop at turn off points to ensure that drivers of following vehicles are aware of the turn off.
3. Walkers must be suitably clothed and have appropriate footwear. Each walker must have their own pack and carry food and water for the day and, if required, any special medication. At least 2 litres of water per person is recommended. Every walker should also carry the following: small torch, sunscreen, raincoat, insect repellent, small whistle, emergency kit containing paper, pencil, first aid equipment, fire starter such as waterproof matches or cigarette lighter. The trip leader at his/her absolute discretion may refuse any walker who is not adequately equipped the right to participate in an activity.
4. No offensive or dangerous items including fire-arms, dogs, alcoholic, illegal drugs, transistor radios and cassette players are to be taken on activities. The trip leader shall at his/her discretion determine whether an item is offensive or dangerous and may refuse any walker who insists on carrying such an item, the right to participate in an activity.
5. The Club endeavours to provide at least one First Aider at each activity. The MBC encourages members to undertake a Senior First Aid Training Course from a recognised provider and offers a partial reimbursement on completion of certification.
6. All litter must be carried out including food scraps such as orange peels and apple cores and sanitary pads/tampons.
7. Faecal matter and toilet paper should be buried 15cm deep and well away from tracks and at least 100m away from any water course.
8. Walkers must not pollute any creek or stream with items such as soap, food scraps or human wastes.
9. Walkers must co-operate with the Trip Leader and heed any reasonable direction he/she may give.
10. Walkers must not separate from the main party, go ahead of the Trip Leader or negotiate terrain more difficult than that chosen by the Trip Leader without the Trip Leader's express permission.
11. Walkers must constantly observe the walker behind them and stop if that walker requires assistance or is out of sight, even if this means losing sight of the walkers in front (the walkers in front would then also stop and so on right to the leader). In the event of any delay, a message should be relayed to the Trip Leader.
12. Walkers must convey along the line of the party, information regarding any hazards such as loose/slippery rocks, dangerous plants or animals.
13. Walkers must not engage in any activity that is offensive to or endangers other walkers or members of the public. In particular, walkers must not playfully or idly throw objects and must not unnecessarily dislodge loose material. When there is a possibility of accidentally dislodging loose material, walkers should ensure that there are no walkers or members of the public directly below them and should warn anyone that could be endangered by the falling of the loose material. Walkers should call in a loud and clear voice **BELOW** or **ROCK** whenever they dislodge loose material.
14. Walkers must adhere to fire restrictions and the lighting of fires is discouraged. When fires are constructed, the fire must be thoroughly extinguished after use and the fireplace dismantled and ashes scattered in such a way that no sign of the fire remains.
15. Walkers must not collect bush products whether alive or not and must avoid disturbing or damaging the bush through which they are walking.
16. Some of the risks of activities include injury from slipping or falling in uneven, slippery, loose or steep terrain, injury such as cuts, impalement and eye injuries from sticks, branches and other objects, injuries from "nasties" such as stinging plants, stinging insects, poisonous animals (such as snakes) and aggressive animals (such as wild pigs), exposure caused by wet and/or cold conditions and exhaustion and dehydration caused by hot conditions and the physical effort required. Activities are usually conducted in areas remote from medical assistance. Walkers participate in activities at their own risk and must not attempt activities or terrain which they consider too difficult or too risky for themselves.
17. All members should be familiar with the Members' Handbook.



## **MACKAY BUSHWALKERS' CLUB INC.**

### **PRIVACY STATEMENT**

Mackay Bushwalkers' Club Inc. (MBC) recognises that the privacy and security of personal information is important to our members. MBC members respect the confidentiality and security of any member's personal information, and are committed to protecting it at all times.

#### **Collection of members' personal information**

MBC only collects such personal information as is necessary to manage membership of the Club and communicate with members about Club activities.

By completing a membership application form or by renewing your membership you consent to the use and disclosure of your personal information as outlined in this privacy statement.

#### **Use and disclosure of your personal information**

Your personal information provided on membership application and any subsequent changes will be disclosed to:

- MBC Committee members to manage your membership and communicate with you about Club activities.
- MBC Leaders, to verify whether you are a financial member and to manage the safety of participants.
- MBC Members appointed by the Committee to undertake specific tasks eg. The maintenance of the Club membership register.
- Third parties who by their nature, carry a legal right, or have a relevant Duty of Care.

If you provide your email address, it may be disclosed to others in email headers when communicating about club matters.

Personal information that you provide for a specific activity, eg. when you enter your name and details on a Trip Outing Sheet is disclosed to the Leader of that activity. In managing that activity, the Leader may disclose that information to other Club members. Members not wishing to disclose personal information should contact the Leader to make other arrangements.

#### **Access to your personal information**

You may request access to the personal information that MBC holds about you by contacting the Club Secretary.