



The Message Stick

May 2019

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Future Events

May Day Weekend Backpack.....	4 th – 6 th May
Eimeo Creek to Reliance Creek return.....	12 th May
General Meeting and induction.....	15 th May
Hazlewood Gorge (upstream).....	19 th May
Mt Pinnacle.....	26 th May

**No we are
Not in
The
Northern
Territory!**



**Garry led some of
us on an exciting
exploratory to the
West Branch over
Easter**

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From the Editor

I hope everyone had a great Easter. Although there were no official club outings for the break a group of 6 of us camped at Mt Britton.

On Easter Friday Coral came to visit whilst she was out exploring with her family. It was good to see her out and about and she is looking very well. On the Saturday Garry led us on an exploratory which we were all very impressed with.

Hopefully the rain won't mess with our walks too much this month.

**Items for the next newsletter should
be sent to
jennywooding@dodo.com.au
prior to 27th May**

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 before undertaking your walk.

Please contact the leader to nominate for all walks before 12.00pm the day before the walk unless otherwise stated.

May Day Backpack and Camp Saturday 4th – Monday 6th May

Leaders: Donna Burgess 0488 787 953
Jenny Wooding 0447 091 532

Depart: 7am

Journey: \$20

Camp fees: \$13.10

This will be a strenuous 3 day backpack hike.
Saturday we will drive to Crediton Hall, leave the

cars and back pack to Denham Range campground. This is a distance of approx. 19.5kms but will mostly be on road and steep in places.

We will camp at Denham Range for 2 nights and on Sunday Garry will lead us on a day walk to the Stalk, a volcanic spike.

Monday we will return via the same route to the cars.

This will be a big weekend of walking and participants will need to carry all food and camping

gear. A water tank is available at Denham Range and also one half way along the track.

For those not wanting to backpack they are welcome to drive to Denham Range to join us for the walk to the Stalk on the Sunday but will need to make own arrangements.

To attend this camp you will need to book by 30th April so camp bookings can be made.

Eimeo Creek to Reliance Creek return 12 May 2019

Leader : Carole Weekes 49546108
Depart : 8 am (from Eimeo Ck - Bucasia side)
Journey : N/A - We are meeting at the start of the walk.
Grade : L 25

Estimated walking time: 5 hrs. **Total of all uphill sections:** 60 m **Pace:** average **Terrain:** beach and parkland **Vegetation:** some scrub and mangroves **Expect:** sunny open sections, sand flies.

PLEASE NOTE DIFFERENT STARTING TIME AND DEPARTURE POINT.

We will assemble in the car park near the Bucasia Caravan Park for an 8am departure. The walk is approximately 14 km in length, and the conditions on the day will determine how much of the walk is on the beach itself, and how much takes place on the pathway near the beach. We may move between the two via sandy tracks and steps. Toilets are available at both Bucasia and Shoal Point. Please carry water, snacks, lunch, sunscreen and insect spray. Hopefully we will all enjoy a relaxed and flexible day.

Induction 6.30pm/ General Meeting 7.30pm Wednesday 17th April

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

Induction by Donna and Ian

Hazelwood Gorge Upstream Sunday 19th May

Leader: Garry Hendicott 49440236 or Jenny 0447091532
Depart: 7:00am

Journey: 200km \$20.00
Map Ref: Hillalong 650863E 7650576N AGD66
Grade: M75
Estimated walking time: 6 hours **Total of all uphill sections:** 120m
Pace: average **Terrain:** very uneven terrain
Vegetation: open forest
Expect: some steep slopes, some rocking, steep scrambles, loose rocks, swimming holes.

This spectacular deep gorge with its coloured rock formations is situated outside the rainforest area about 16kms from Eungella. We access the gorge by scrambling down a steep gully. There will be plenty of rock hopping as we make our way upstream and there should be opportunities for swimming. The return journey to the cars will be across open forested country.

Mt Pinnacle Sunday 25 May

Leader: Donna Burgess - 0488 787 953, (with thanks to Frances Eiteneuer)

DEPART: 7.00am
JOURNEY: 130 km \$13.00
MAP REF: Mirani 743591
GRADE: S77

Estimated walking time: 6 hours. **Total of all uphill sections:** 600 m. **Pace:** Average to slow. **Terrain:** Uneven terrain. **Vegetation:** Open forest. **Expect:** Some steep slopes, long grass, views.

Mt Pinnacle, 660 m above sea level, is a prominent mountain in the upper reaches of the Pioneer Valley. We will walk up the eastern side and return the same way. The walk is not very long but could be rather taxing. From the top and along the ridge we will be able to see Teemburra Dam. Be prepared to go through long grass and uneven terrain. You will need to carry water and food for the whole day. Remember your sunscreen as it could be hot.

Dicks Tableland August 2019

Leader: Peter Bennett 0427383732

Peter is calling for expressions of interest for this challenging backpack which would take place over several days.

Previous Activities

Pinevale –Ben Mohr State Forest Sunday 14th April



8 walkers set off across the Pioneer River and headed up along the dry creek bed of Pinevale. Most of this walk was not strenuous but the rocky creek bed required balance and coordination. There were lots of beautiful massive old trees and many, many birds to hear and spot along the way. Small pools still held water and the scenery was lovely. On the other hand though there was a lot of wash out/erosion from the summer rains that left many of the tree roots bare and sitting precariously over the creek edge. The Lantana and weeds in the cleared areas were also significant.

Morning tea was a stop at the old copper mine road crossing. Both sides of the crossing were quite

overgrown but the 'spot' was indicated by a massive old tree, which is scarred deeply by the mark of an axe. Frances called it the "Blade tree"

We continued on and spent some time exploring the relics of the disused copper mine.

Once we were back in the creek bed we took on some serious boulder climbing to get us up to a lovely little waterfall at the end of a small gorge where we enjoyed a long lunch.

We returned via the disused road and found that we were well and truly over our heads in long grass. Never the less it was fun.

A quick rinse at the pioneer river crossing and we all done and heading home by 2pm.

Hint to all newbies – there is a rocky running river to cross at the start of this walk – TAKE SOMETHING FOR YOUR FEET.

Excellent walk. My rating 8/10 (2 more points if I had shoes on for the river crossing.)

Julie

