



# The Message Stick

## November 2019

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### Future Events

Watercraft day.....	.....10 <sup>th</sup> November
Annual General Meeting.....	.....20 <sup>th</sup> November
Rawsons Creek.....	.....24 <sup>th</sup> November
Christmas Camp.....	.....7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> December

### Reminder

The Annual General meeting is being held on November 20<sup>th</sup>.  
 Please come along to support our club and new faces  
 would be very welcome on the committee.



Walkers looking happy at the start of day!

### Club Officers

President	Clive Goodson	4954 9338	Contact Officer	Donna Burgess	0488 787 953
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### *From the Editor*

As you can see we have a few weekends which are blank at the moment. If you would like to lead a walk on one of those, please send me the details and I will put them on the Club Facebook Page.

Once again please think about coming along to the AGM – the committee would welcome your support.

As can be seen below the club has implemented a non-smoking policy which is effective immediately.

Many thanks to Daphne for once again taking on the job of Christmas camp coordinator and I'm sure we all appreciate her efforts.

### *No Smoking Policy*

Please note the club has implemented a No Smoking Policy. This means that smoking is banned from the time we meet at the car park until the time we return.



Items for the next newsletter should  
be sent to  
[Jenny.e.wooding@gmail.com](mailto:Jenny.e.wooding@gmail.com)  
prior to 25<sup>th</sup> November

### *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 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.

**Watercraft Day Teemburra Dam  
Sunday 10th November**

**Leaders:** Clive & Daphne Goodson,  
0417 706 240  
**Depart:** 7am  
**Journey:** 120 km \$12

This will be a social day of messing about on floaty things at Teemburra Dam. If you have something that floats, whether it be a kayak, canoe, lilo, rubber ring or water wings, bring it along to have some fun. We should have enough canoes / kayaks for all to have a turn at paddling. Lilos are also fun to float on or paddle.

For those who don't feel like taking to the water, there are walking opportunities. BBQ facilities are available so either pack lunch or bring along something to cook up. A car fridge is available to keep meat cold.

**Induction 6.30pm/ Annual General Meeting  
7.30pm  
Wednesday 20th November**

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

**Rawson's Creek  
Sunday 24 November 2019**

**Leader:** Donna Burgess, 0488 787 953  
**Departing:** 7am  
**Journey:** 140km, \$14.00  
**Time:** 6 hours approximately  
**Grade:** S76

**Total Uphill:** The creek is not steep, but has a reasonable fall, we will not have a definite destination as it will depend on the group and conditions. **Pace:** Medium **Terrain:** Very uneven, large boulders, rocks all the way. **Vegetation:** Rain forests **Expect:** Mostly rock hopping and creek crossings. Boots will get wet and the rocks will likely be slippery so pick your foot wear carefully. There is no track once we enter the creek, we either walk in the water, on rocks or scramble through tangle. Leaches maybe present

Rawson's Creek is a wild rainforest creek. We access it from the Finch Hatton Gorge walking track, there will be opportunities to swim so remember your swimming attire.

**Christmas Camp  
Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December**

**Coordinator:** Daphne Goodson 0417 706 240

Details are being finalised for the Christmas Camp but it will most likely be at Neem Hall near Finch Hatton. More information will be posted on Club Facebook Page as soon as things are finalised.

Many thanks to Daphne for organising

# *Previous Activities*

