

**Membership Period:** The last membership period expired on 30 June 2011 and the current period is for 12 months to 30 June 2012.

Membership application forms should be posted together with payment to:

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



**MACKAY BUSHWALKERS' CLUB INC  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM  
2011 - 2012**

<b>FEES (to be completed by applicant for membership)</b>	Fee
Ordinary membership (\$40.00 for adults, \$15.00 if under 18 years of age)	
Day membership all persons (\$15.00)	
Optional subscription to Club newsletter by post (\$20.00)	
<b>Total fee:</b>	
<b>PRORATA FEE STRUCTURE – Ordinary Membership</b>	Fee
1 July 2011 – 31 January 2012	\$40.00
1 February 2012 – 28 February 2012	\$35.00
1 March 2012 – 31 March 2012	\$30.00
1 April 2012 – 30 April 2012	\$25.00
1 May 2012 – 31 May 2012	\$20.00
1 June 2012 – 30 June 2012	\$15.00

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

**This form must be completed for EACH family member including children.**

Non members are required to attend a half hour induction meeting before applying to become a member of the Mackay Bushwalkers' Club. 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 at 60 Wellington St Mackay and begin at 6.45pm. To nominate for induction meetings please ring Cheryl Brodie on 49552895.

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

**Your application for membership must be accepted by vote at the Club's General Monthly Meeting and you will not be able to participate in activities as an Ordinary Member until after that time.**

**Day Membership:** Day Membership is a limited membership of the Club for one day only and the cost is \$15 per person. Day Members are not able to subscribe to the Club newsletter and are not entitled to vote at Club meetings. 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.

**Ordinary Membership:** Ordinary Membership is a full membership of the Club and the cost is \$40 per person and \$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 this 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 and you will not be able to participate in activities until after that time.

**Renewal of membership / New member  
Acknowledgement of Risk**

I acknowledge that when I am participating in any activity of the Mackay Bushwalking Club Inc I am doing so as a volunteer in all aspects and as such I accept all responsibility for loss of property or bodily injury to me, however it may occur.

I acknowledge that my participation in this activity may expose me to hazards and risks that could lead to injury, illness or death or to loss of or damage to my property. In particular when participating in abseiling or above snowline activities I am aware that I may be exposed to additional hazards and risks.

I will make all reasonable effort to avoid or minimise these risks by,

- only participating in activities within my capabilities;
- carrying food, water and equipment appropriate for the activity; and
- advising the leader if I am taking any medication or have any physical or other limitation that might affect my participation in the activity.

I am also aware that it is a condition of membership of Mackay Bushwalker's Club Inc that Mackay Bushwalkers' Club Inc, its office holders and trip leaders are absolved from all liability howsoever arising from injury or damage howsoever caused (whether fatal or otherwise) arising out of:

- Membership of Mackay Bushwalkers' Club Inc;
- Participation in social activities organised by Mackay Bushwalkers' Club Inc;
- Participating in, observing or training for activities organised by Mackay Bushwalkers' Club Inc whether with club equipment or otherwise; or
- In any way whatsoever due to any negligent act, breach of duty, default and/or omission on the part of Mackay Bushwalkers' Club Inc, its officeholders and trip leaders.

I will take full responsibility for any injury or damage caused to other persons or property as a result of my actions.

I acknowledge that the payment of my renewal/membership subscription will be deemed as full acceptance and understanding of the above.

Full name of applicant for membership (print):

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Date of birth of applicant:.....

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

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Residential address of applicant for membership (print):

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Postal address of applicant for membership (print):

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Telephone contacts for the applicant for membership: Home: .....

Work: ..... Mobile: .....

E-mail address of the applicant for membership (print):

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**EMERGENCY CONTACT/S**

Person/s to contact in case of emergency (name and phone number/s):

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**MEDICAL CONDITIONS**

List any medical conditions of the applicant for membership: (for example, asthma, allergies, epilepsy, heart condition):

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**QUALIFICATIONS**

List first aid qualifications with expiry date and/or other qualifications that are relevant to the activities of the Club:

Qualification ..... Expiry Date .....

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**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.

**I HAVE READ AND I UNDERSTAND ALL MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS.**

Signature of applicant for membership: .....

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

Dated this ..... day of ..... 20.....

Witness signature: .....

Witness full name (print): .....

Witness' address (print): .....

**Application for:**

Day Membership (one day only)

Ordinary Membership (expires 30.06.2012)

**For applications for Ordinary Membership:**

**Please send me the Club Newsletter by:**

Post (\$20 fee applies)  Post & e-mail (\$20 fee applies)  E-mail (MS Word format – no charge)



## MACKAY BUSHWALKERS' CLUB INC

### RISK WAIVER FOR A CHILD TO BE COMPLETED WITH THE SIGN ON SHEET BEFORE AN ACTIVITY BY THE ADULT RESPONSIBLE FOR A CHILD WHEN THE PARENT/GUARDIAN IS NOT PRESENT

(Name of Walk/Activity).....

I .....(name of person)

am over the age of 18 years and undertake to be responsible for

..... (name of child)

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

I have been authorised to be responsible for the child by the child's parent/guardian. I understand that the child may be exposed to risks that could lead to injury, illness or death or to loss of or damage to the 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 and

..... (Leader to insert special additional risks for that day.) To minimise these risks I will ensure that the child will obey directions which are given by me and the leader of the activity. The activity is within the child's capabilities and she/he is carrying food, water and equipment and wearing clothing and footwear appropriate for this activity. I will advise the activity leader if the child is taking any medication or has any physical or other limitation that might affect the child's participation in this activity. I do not believe that the child is taking medication or has limitations which will prevent the child from successfully completing this activity. If the child is unable to complete the activity or is having difficulties then I undertake to notify the leader and make arrangements if necessary to shorten the activity for the child. I will make every effort to ensure that I and the child remain with the rest of the party during the activity and accept the instructions of the leader of the activity. I have read or heard and understand these requirements. I have considered the risks before choosing to sign this Risk Waiver form. I still wish to join the activity with the child. I accept that in signing this form I am waiving my rights to sue the leader, the club & other participants. I agree that any contract arising from my participation will exclude any liability arising from the supply of goods and services by the club leaders.

Signed:

..... (Adult Responsible for the Child)

..... (Print Name)

..... (Address)

..... (Phone)



## **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 that 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.

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.



## 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 now 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 circulates to all members a monthly newsletter which gives descriptions of future walks, indicating how hard they are and the type of country through which the walk will go.

**DAY WALKS:** 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 Mackay City Council Library Car Park (entrance from Alfred Street). To come on a day walk, turn up 15 MINUTES BEFORE DEPARTURE TIME at the Library 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 at 60 Wellington St Mackay and begin at 6.45pm. To nominate for induction meetings please ring Cheryl Brodie on 4955 2895.

**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. From July 1 2006, that amount will be 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 (hopefully) 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 CONTACT:**  
Cheryl Brodie on 4955 2895



## Mackay Bushwalkers' Club Inc By Laws Outing Rules for One Day Activities

Adopted 17 July, 1996

1. All persons intending to participate in an outing must contact the leader prior to the day of the outing. 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. At least one person who holds a current First Aid Certificate must be present on all activities.
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 (hopefully, they will 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.