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Rowallan Park is located approximately 12km north west or a 15 minute drive from the centre of Mackay. The site can be characterised as rolling hills with open forests and some rainforest. There's a series of ridges, gullies and small creeks with plenty of rock which has been used to construct trail features.

The 15km network of MTB trails have been designed and built by the Mackay and District MTB Club (MAD MTB Club) over a period of years. Half the trails are Green rated while the rest are Blue, more difficult. Dragon's Back has a Black A-line .

The club has invested considerable time and resources to develop the MTB trail network which was well received at recent QLD State Cross Country Championships. The club was also booked to host a 2020 National XCO round with a UCI accredited event in the XC Junior World Series.

Peter Lister has been one of the driving forces within the club. A teacher, he has involved Mackay Christian College in his passion. Peter has developed mountain biking as a sport within the school with a skills area within the grounds where students can be coached. The College is accredited as as MTBA school of excellence.

There has been a general increase in kids from all schools in Mackay participating in training, coaching and events at Rowallan Park. The rest of Queensland has enjoyed travelling to Mackay to race in their MTB events.

From the Mackay and District MTB Club website *www.madmtbc.net:*

"Formed in 2009, MAD is a group of passionate mountain bikers who love to ride off-road.

We are a friendly group of all ages and abilities keen to encourage others into the sport – we aim to cater for everyone whether it be racing, skills sessions or social rides.

Rowallan Park is the home of the Mad MTB Club. Through a land use agreement with Mackay Scouts Group we have built 15km of expertly designed singletrack. The trails aim to cater for everyone from the novice to experienced rider. We have plenty of up and downhill sections, jumps, bumps, switchbacks, rock-gardens, sweeping berms, tricky trees to ride around and through, as well as A-line and B-line options to keep you on your toes.

To ride at the park on your own time you must be a member of MTBA, and preferably the MAD club. Please see the membership tab on this website to see our many membership options. There is a fee of $3 per person per day. You will find a sign-in station on the road into Rowallan Park. Please put your $3 in the honesty box, write your name on the whiteboard and make sure the flag is up. When you leave please remove your name from the list and, if you are the last to leave, put the flag down. These measures are in place for your safety, please respect them."