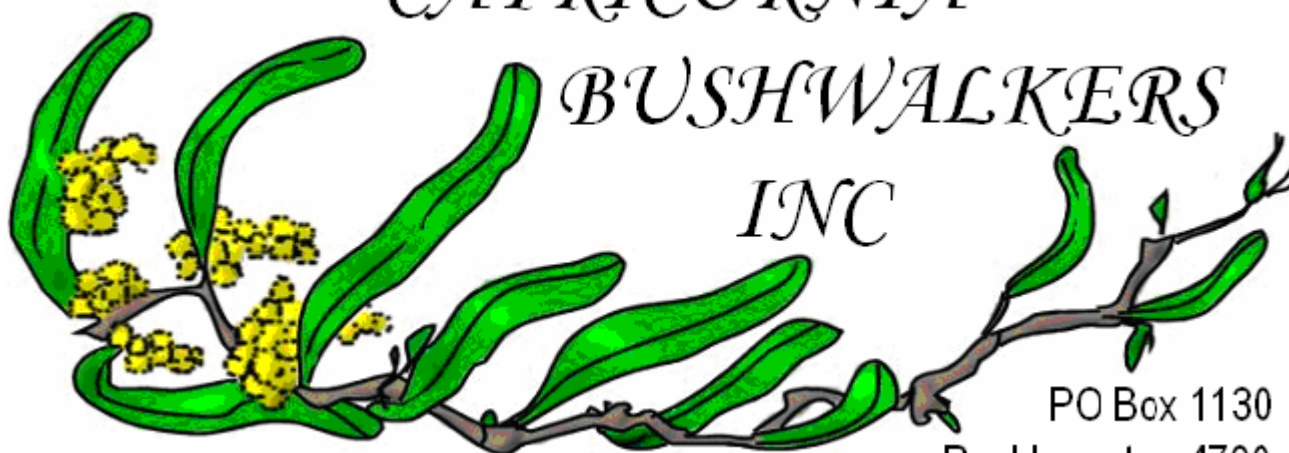


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## BUSHWALKERS

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NEWSLETTER

January 2008

|                                                                                  |                  |                    |                         |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Weekend.....                                                                     | 26-28 Jan        | Australia Day..... | Great Keppel Island     |
| Sunday.....                                                                      | 3 Feb.....       |                    | Mt Jim Crow             |
| Sunday.....                                                                      | 10 Feb.....      |                    | Waterpark Farm          |
| Sunday.....                                                                      | 17 Feb.....      |                    | Emu Park/Zilzie         |
| Sunday.....                                                                      | 24 Feb.....      |                    | Bouldercombe Falls      |
| Saturday.....                                                                    | 1 March.....     |                    | Pool party              |
| Sunday.....                                                                      | 2 March.....     |                    | Planning Meeting        |
| Saturday.....                                                                    | 8 March.....     |                    | Night Walk              |
| Sunday.....                                                                      | 16 March.....    |                    | Mt Dovecott             |
| ..... <i>Book your canoe by 16<sup>th</sup> for 30<sup>th</sup> March.</i> ..... |                  |                    |                         |
| Easter.....                                                                      | 21-24 March..... |                    | Eungella NP             |
| Sunday.....                                                                      | 30 March.....    |                    | Canoeing                |
| Saturday.....                                                                    | 5 April.....     |                    | Progressive Dinner      |
| Sunday.....                                                                      | 6 April.....     |                    | Girt Island             |
| Sunday.....                                                                      | 13 April.....    |                    | Mystery                 |
| Weekend.....                                                                     | 19-20 April..... |                    | Byfield                 |
| Anzac Day weekend.....                                                           | 25-27 April..... |                    | Glassford & Bulburin NP |
| May Day weekend.....                                                             | 3-5 May.....     |                    | Kroombit Tops           |
| Sunday.....                                                                      | 11 May.....      |                    | Emu Park                |
| Weekend.....                                                                     | 16-18 May.....   |                    | Mt Walsh                |
| Sunday.....                                                                      | 18 May.....      |                    | Long Island             |
| Sunday.....                                                                      | 25 May.....      |                    | Mt Sleipner             |

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**Date:** EASTER 21-24 March.                   **Location:** Eungella National Park  
**Type:** T/W, X/T,C, 1,3                   **Contact:** Helen Mackay 49971725  
**Description:** See inside for more information on the 4 day walk in the Mackay hinterland.

**Date:** 30 March                               **Location:** TBA  
**Type:** Canoeing/ Soc                   **Contact:** Darryl 49261160  
**Description:** Not sure which creek or river to paddle at this stage but there will be canoes available. Please book in for this by *16<sup>th</sup> March* if you need a boat.

**Date:** 05 April                               **Location:** Progressive Dinner/Rockhampton  
**Type:** Very social.                   **Contact:** June Dalliston 49226042  
**Description:** Progressive dinner begins at Glyn Gadsby's, moves on to June's and finishes at Maxine's for dessert and tea and coffee.

**Date:** 06 April                               **Location:** Girt Island (Off Keppel Sands)  
**Type:** H/W,E,B,2                   **Contact:** Alan Rogers 49224935  
**Description:** Tide times allow for this rare opportunity for an afternoon walk across to Girt Island for a brief explore.

**Date:** 13 April                               **Location:** Mystery Walk  
**Type:** TBA                               **Contact:** Ron Hyslop 49397805  
**Description:** Ron is very good at coming up with some very interesting mystery walks usually in the Farnborough/Byfield area.

**Date:** 19/20 April                           **Location:** Byfield  
**Type:** O/N N/F H B 1 2 3 5 6 7       **Contact:** Darryl 49261160  
**Alt:** 200 +500m  
**Description:** Expect a hard, training walk for anyone who intends to do long walks in the future with a pack or just use it to improve your endurance. I hope to camp beside a creek overnight and climb Mt Ganter on the Sunday. It could also be used just as a day walk for anyone who wanted to walk up Mt Ganter. Please make your own arrangements for camping overnight in the National Park.  
**Closing Date for Nominations:**16 April 2008                   **Approx drive dist:** 150 km

**Date:** 25, 26, 27 April                   **Location:** Glassford & Bulburin NP  
**Type:** 4WD B/C N/F H/W E M A C 3 2       **Alt:** 300       **Contact:** Darryl 49261160

**Description:** Camp 2 nights in the recently named Bulburin National Park and after setting up camp, go for a afternoon walk through the rainforest. That can be followed up with a night walk so bring a good torch. On Saturday we can ride bikes, walk, or 4WD some or all the loop road which crosses Granite Creek (walk up Granite Ck) and offers good views of the Miriam Vale area. We pack up early on Sunday and drive to the now abandoned township of Glassford where we inspect what is left of the mine, smelter, Chinese Gardens, and try and find the location of the Blue Bag mine. 4WD is needed for this part of the trip. Do your homework at the sites below to help work out where the mine is. You must make your own arrangements with National Parks for camping at Bulburin NP.

[www.epa.qld.gov.au/projects/heritage/index.cgi?place=602389&back=1](http://www.epa.qld.gov.au/projects/heritage/index.cgi?place=602389&back=1)

<http://www.nrw.qld.gov.au/science/geoscience/pdf/central.pdf>

**Date:** 03/04/05 May                      **Location:** Kroombit Tops  
**Type:** Combined Club Campout        **Contact:** Graeme Dredge 49282942  
**Description:** The 2008 annual Combined Clubs' Camp is being hosted by the Gladstone Bushwalking Club. Watch out for further details.

**Date:** 11 May                                **Location:** Emu Park  
**Type:** H/W, SOC,E,B,1                    **Contact:** Margaret Graves 49388892  
**Description:** This Mother's Day, join Margaret for a leisurely beach walk along the foreshores of Emu Park followed by a celebratory lunch.

**Date:** 16/17/18 May                      **Location:** Mt Walsh  
**Type:** B/C,X/T                                **Contact:** Graeme Dredge 49282942  
**Description:** A trip to Mt Walsh to do some serious walking. Please contact Graeme for further details.

**Date:** 18 May                                **Location:** Long Island Reserve  
**Type:** E,B,1                                **Contact:** Fay McBryde 49223820  
**Description:** For those not travelling to Mt Walsh, there is the option for an interesting walk with Fay through the Long Island reserve.

**Date:** 25 May                                **Location:** Mt Sleipner  
**Type:** D/W M,H B 2 3 4 6 7              **Alt:**500 m              **Contact:** Darryl/Cathy 49261160

**Description:** Moderate to hard walk up Mt Sleipner where we have lunch either at the rock-face or at the top and cross over to walk down via the spur to the track. We can meet either at the carpark at the bottom or one of the pubs on North side at 8:45 am.

**Closing Date for Nominations:**23 May 2008

**Approx drive dist:** 24 km

**WALK LEGEND**

|            |               |            |                                              |            |               |            |             |
|------------|---------------|------------|----------------------------------------------|------------|---------------|------------|-------------|
| <b>D/W</b> | Day Walk      | <b>T/W</b> | Through Walk or Car Shuttle required         |            |               | <b>O/N</b> | Overnighter |
| <b>H/W</b> | Half-day Walk | <b>4WD</b> | Access by 4WD only                           | <b>X/T</b> | Extended Trip | <b>TRN</b> | Training    |
| <b>B/C</b> | Base Camp     | <b>N/F</b> | No Facilities - no water, showers or toilets |            |               | <b>SOC</b> | Social      |

**WALK GRADING**

| Fitness                      |                                 | Distance |                       | Terrain  |                            |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|-----------------------|----------|----------------------------|
| <b>E</b>                     | Easy, suitable for beginners    | <b>A</b> | Less than 5 km        | <b>1</b> | Trail/Graded Track         |
| <b>M</b>                     | Moderate, good fitness required | <b>B</b> | 5 to 10 km            | <b>2</b> | Off-track/Cross-Country    |
| <b>H</b>                     | Hard, very fit walkers only     | <b>C</b> | 10 to 15 km           | <b>3</b> | Not pre-walked             |
|                              |                                 | <b>L</b> | 15 to 20 km           | <b>4</b> | Minor scrub                |
|                              |                                 | <b>X</b> | Over 20 km (same day) | <b>5</b> | Medium or Heavy Vegetation |
| <b>Total Uphill Sections</b> |                                 |          |                       | <b>6</b> | Creeks / Rock Hopping      |
| <b>ALT</b>                   | in metres                       |          |                       | <b>7</b> | Steep Scrambles            |

### **From the editor:**

- ☺ This newsletter again has kindly been printed free of charge by the office of Kirsten Livermore MP - Capricornia. We are grateful for this service and hope it will continue.
- ☺ Why not save a bit of paper and some postage and get your newsletter sooner than the rest by having it emailed to you. Thank you to those who have already indicated email is their preferred method of getting the newsletter.
- ☺ Please note my email address **h.mackay@aapt.net.au**
- ☺ Cut off date for contributions to newsletters is **one** week after each planning meeting.
- ☺ Don't forget, we have thankyou cards available for walk leaders to use as they feel appropriate-access to land or whatever. Give me a call if you need one for your walk.
- ☺ Daryl is always looking for photos for the website. Email them to him at **capbushwalkers@gmail.com**
- ☺ Web Page forum- Daryl has set up a web page forum at the club's website. Here you can post notices, questions or topics for discussion - of a bushwalking nature. The forum is available for all to read but is password protected so only members can post comments. Check out the forum at <http://www.geocities.com/capbushwalkers/> . Follow the link from the club's website and see what's there. If you want to post a comment and don't have a password, Daryl can give it to you. Contact him at **capbushwalkers@gmail.com**
- ☺ On the topic of our web page, there are now various forms available there- leaders' reports, sign on sheets, the club's constitution, ideas of what to carry in a well prepared daypack.... and more. Keep checking the website for these updates.
- ☺ From Daryl.....*Can you ask members to go to our web site and under **Forms**, they can find a copy of the **Proposed Walk Details**. Before the next General Meeting, could they please download it and fill it in with their walk ideas and a number of possible dates and send it to **capbushwalkers@gmail.com***



### **Australia Day Weekend**

A great weekend to snorkel, swim, walk or just relax. You should have booked by now but call **Marg & Paul** if you're interested. **49388892**

### **Midweek Wanders.**

Dave Larkin is keen to hear from fellow club members who might be interested in midweek walks. Dave has volunteered to look at organising a midweek activity perhaps on a monthly basis if there are people out there who would like to join him. This idea might suit those amongst us who are retirees, shift workers or simply having a day off. **Dave can be contacted on 49394916.**

### **Larapinta Trek 2008.**

Plans are proceeding for a trip to the Centre to commence the Larapinta Walk on the 03/09/08. There is the possibility to do all 12 sections or just part of the walk with the group. Graeme Dredge is looking to finalise nominations for the walk by the **29 February 2008**. Graeme can be contacted for further details on **49282942**.

## EASTER 2008

### (21-24 March) Great Walk- Mackay Highlands



- ☺ Day 1- Pine Grove- Broken River- 10 km
- ☺ Day 2- Broken River- Crediton Hall- 11.2 km
- ☺ Day 3- Crediton Hall- Denham Range-19.5 km
- ☺ Day 4- Denham Range- Moonlight Dam- 16.2 km
- ☺ Day 5- Option- Climb Mt Britton - 11 km

We will have a support vehicle with us so it won't be necessary to carry all provisions, water etc unless you're in training or just enjoy the challenge of extra kgs.

The plan was to travel to Eungella on Good Friday and start walking on Saturday as some people will have a long drive. But we could look at starting walking on Friday afternoon so those who just have the 4 day Easter break can do most/ all of the walk. Talk more about that closer to the time.

With interest from Bundaberg, Mackay and Capricornia clubs, it looks like being a social time as well as a great walk.

Check out more information about the walk at [www.epa.qld.gov.au/parks\\_and\\_forests/great\\_walks/mackay\\_highlands](http://www.epa.qld.gov.au/parks_and_forests/great_walks/mackay_highlands)

Email me at [h.mackay@aapt.net.au](mailto:h.mackay@aapt.net.au) if you're interested in joining the walk.

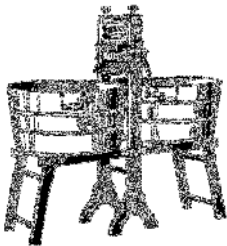
### Goodedulla Nat Park

For those wanting to stay closer to home for Easter, Alan is keen to lead a group to that area- some 2 hrs or so west of Rockhampton. Ph 49224935

## WALK REPORTS

### Mt Ramsay - Baralaba- weekend 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> October 2007

At 8:00am on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2007, ten happy campers rolled out of Rocky on our way to Baralaba for a weekend of fun and adventure.



After setting up camp at the caravan park, we set off for a bit of sight seeing around town. Baralaba is quite a pleasant little town, and has its own Historical Village filled with relics from yesteryear, which we were able to visit by appointment. Unfortunately, most of us could either remember our parents/grandparents using a lot of the stuff therein, or had used it ourselves in our youths!

Lunch was snatched back at our campsite. Then we visited John and Auda MacLean, who kindly took us up to see some caves which have genuine aboriginal hand paintings in them (the historical kind -not the kids from Woori on a Saturday night). There were quite a few caves, and it was a very interesting trip. John told us that the aboriginal elders from Woorabinda will not enter these caves, as they are "taboo". I wonder what will happen to us? Reportedly one boy who touched a hand painting suffered nightmares!

Following the cave tour, we returned to John and Auda's for afternoon tea, which was partaken under the shady trees in their beautiful back garden. Auda is an extremely talented artist, creating both landscapes and portraits in pastels. Her portraits are exceptional, with very natural poses. This is not to detract from her landscapes, which capture the textures of rocks, leaves and water with amazing effect.



Saturday night was spent at the local Bowls Club, where dinner was a very reasonable price. The "stayers" were a little disappointed though, as they got kicked out shortly after 8:00pm.

On Sunday morning we were woken bright and early (pre-dawn I believe) by the deafening chatter, squawk, chirp, twitter, whistle and call of about a million and a half birds perched in the trees above our tents. Who said it's quiet and peaceful in the country? By then we were also all familiar with the little round balls of prickles which carpeted the camping ground and broke up into thousands of spiky little prongs, which leaped up from the ground and adhered to our skin, clothes, socks, shoes, and anything else they could stick themselves into. I even had some in my pyjamas, which had not left my bag all day. Helen referred to them as "Bogantungan fleas" which I think is an appropriate name. They got into everything!



We started walking at about 7:30am, in perfect weather. Mt Ramsay is steep but not overly so, and there was minimal vegetation to contend with, so it was a really pleasant walk to the top (447 metres). Pat Bidgood, a local who knows the mountain well, was a confident and able leader. We had smoko on top of the mountain, sitting on a rather spectacular rock formation (which unfortunately was formed of rather lumpy, sharp rock).

A "ripping good time" was had by two of us - Margaret L ripped the leg of her pants, and I sat on a sharp rock and ripped the backside out of mine!

Our thanks go to Pat, her offsider Brad, and also to Ross and Val McLaughlin on whose property Mt Ramsay is situated, for allowing us to tramp across their paddocks.

On our return from Mt Ramsay, lunch was consumed down by the Dawson River, where the adventurous swam and canoed while the rest of us watched them from a shady spot on the bank.

All in all we had a wonderful weekend of interesting and enjoyable activities. Our thanks go to Graeme for organising the trip and planning the weekend itinerary to perfection.

*Mary Howard*

### **Dorrigo 2007**

Some ten members of the Capricornia Bushwalkers Inc found their way to the "pretty township of Dorrigo" nestled high in the mountains - gateway to the Dorrigo National Park and only a short drive away to nearby New England National Park and Cathedral Rock National Park.

Dangar Falls Lodge proved to be an excellent vantage point from which to explore the area. With 6 bedrooms, multiple bathrooms, large open living areas and wide expansive verandahs from which to enjoy the spectacular and peaceful views, it was a wonderful place to return to at the end of the day. The somewhat chilly evenings were kept at bay sitting in front of a warm log fire. It was a great spot to ruminate over the adventures of the day and to plan those for the following day.

A visit to the Dorrigo National Park Information Centre was an essential first stop to introduce ourselves to the possibilities for not only the walks in the area but it also introduced us to what was to be a wonderful plethora of flora and fauna to be found in the nearby National Parks.

Asked to describe the highlights of their week, the following observations were made.

### **My day out with Shirley.....George Reeman**

After a short drive from Dorrigo to Cascade and a pleasant rainforest walk with the group at historic Cascade N.P., Shirley and I took off and walked the Tramway Walk, Red Cedar Forest, lunched at Platypus Flat on the Nymboida River. Short walks through the Norm Jolly Tallowood Trees Reserve added to what was a great day.

**The sighting of a koala.....Shirley Hopkins.**

The sighting of a koala spotted by Carol Reeman in a tall eucalyptus tree whilst we were returning from a lovely walk on the Cascade Circuit was definitely the highlight of the week.

**The Wildlife. .... Margaret Little.**

In one day I saw more wildlife than I have seen in several years. It was particularly nice to see some firsts for me. These included black red-bellied snakes, lyrebirds, a koala in the wild - and a leech on my shoe.

**The New England National Park. ....Carol Reeman.**

I think I was most impressed with the day we spent in the New England national park. From the road just below Point Lookout, we walked in a short distance straight into Hobbit country. This eerie area was a very steep section of green, mossy trees and rocks with water dripping from the rocks. Then a short distance away, Margaret spotted a lyrebird, which we watched quietly for some time. This was a very special moment.

**'W' for Wildlife, Wildflowers, Waterfalls and Wilderness. .... Pauline Toop.**

Wildlife included beautiful birds, plus kangaroos, reptiles, mysterious red crayfish, a koala in a tree. Wildflowers in spring proved to be a very good time to visit. Waterfalls. There was about a dozen - I wasn't counting.

The wilderness walks around Dorrigo were all excellent and provided great variety with lush rainforests, tall trees, open eucalypt forests and heath lands.

**The beauty of the bush .....Cheryl Gargan**

Such incredible beauty and contrast between the lush rainforest of the Dorrigo N.P. and the boulder strewn harshness of Cathedral Rock N.P. The abundant flora and fauna almost provided sensory overload. I became very aware of nature. I loved just getting out and walking.

Oh, I almost forgot. Being on Muttonbird Island just on dark was an experience I'll never forget, as was my first sighting of a whale from the Island. Magic.

**The giant trees of the rainforest ..... Fay McBryde**

Massive rainforest giants of tallowwood, brushwood, coachwood; huge logs wrapped in moss and with decorations of lichen and fungi; the splendour of waterfalls; an awe-inspiring gorge; a gentle track through heath land interlaced with trickling rills and who could forget Weeping Rock?

Perhaps the only way to sum up our trip is to allow Pauline to continue to wax lyrical in her own alliterative style -

*Wonderful, and  
Walking, for a  
Week, in the  
Wilderness, with  
Wildlife,  
Wildflowers,  
Waterfalls, with  
Wonderful men and women, and a  
Whack on the head if you don't  
Watch where you are walking.*  
**Cheryl Gargan**



**CAPRICORNIA BUSHWALKERS INC**  
**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL**

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