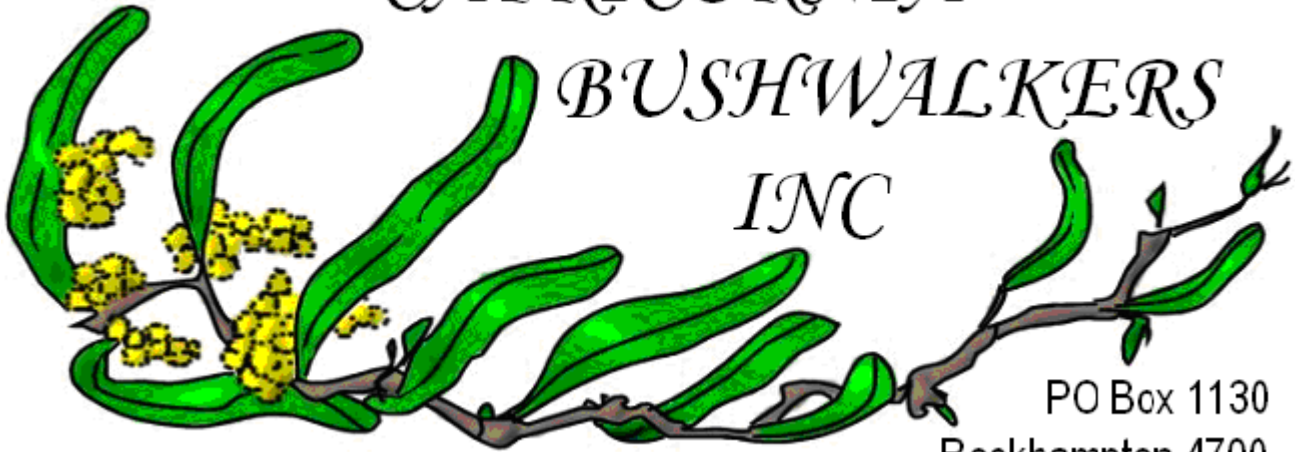


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BUSHWALKERS

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NEWSLETTER

November 2011

Days	Dates	Activity	Contact
Thurs-Sun	26 – 29 Jan 2012	Great Keppel Island – Australia Day Weekend Four Vacancies still exist	Cheryl
Tues	31 Jan	Last day to take advantage of the " early-bird " membership discount (see inside)	
Sun	5 Feb	General Meeting	John
Sat	11 Feb	Bat Cleft - Mt Etna Nominations close at the end of January	Carol
Sun	19 Feb	Beach Walk	Cheryl
Sun	26 Feb	Geocache/GPS Training Nominations close the night before walk	Dave/Stephen
Sun	4 March	Broadmount Nominations close 3 – 4 days before walk	Alan
Sun	11 March	Jacob's Track	Cheryl
Sun	18 March	Rail Trail – Yeppoon/Bondoola	Deborah
Sun	25 March	Mill Hill	John and Barbara
Sun	1 April	Mt Archer	Pauline
Fri – Mon	6 – 9 April (Easter)	National Trail	Deborah and Cheryl

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PROGRAM DETAILS

Closing date for nominations is normally at least **5 days** prior to the walk. If you require transport it is doubly important to nominate well in advance. If travelling with someone else, it is courteous to pay your share of travel costs – suggested cost 10 c/km. Some walks may have a limit on numbers. Please note that organisers for Socials need advance nominations as well.



WALK LEGEND

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

WALK GRADING

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

Date **Thurs 26 – Sun 29 Jan 2012**

Type **X/T**

Location **Great Keppel Island**

Contact **Cheryl 49387375/0477156656**

The popular Australia Day weekend trip to Great Keppel Island is on again. Another visit to Svendsen's Beach Eco Resort with Carl and Lyndie provides a further opportunity to explore the surrounding hills and beaches and sight the local flora and fauna. Together with the bushwalking, there will also be opportunities for snorkelling and kayaking, or to simply relax and enjoy the great views of the mainland from Svendsen's Beach.

Costs involved include the return ferry to GKI and accommodation costs of \$60 pp per night. Return driving distance – 90 km + ferry. Be quick to nominate as there is a maximum of 12 persons with 4 vacancies remaining at time of printing. **Members only**

Date **Sun 5 Feb**

Type **General Meeting**

Location **CCC**

Contact **John 49398576**

You are warmly invited to the first General Meeting of the Club for the year. Your ideas and contributions are welcome. The Walks' Schedule to August will be planned.

Date **Sat 11 Feb**

Type **SOC E, A, 1**

Location **Mt Etna, The Caves**

Contact **Carol 0400195405**

Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service runs the 'Bat Cleft Tours' from December to mid February. The tour caters for 10 people only. Meeting place is the Caves Country Pub at 5 pm and then join the tour at 5.45 pm. The tour takes 3 hours and costs less than \$10.00.

ITEMS OF NOTE

- ❖ Our website – <http://www.cqbushwalkers.110mb.com/> has material for beginners and Walk Leaders, previous Newsletters and other useful bushwalking information.
- ❖ The new Club Rules are on the Club's website -<http://www.cqbushwalkers.110mb.com/>
- ❖ Please contact the Secretary at capricornia_bushwalkers@yahoo.com.au if you –
 - have changed any of your contact details
 - want to submit a Leader's Report
 - wish to obtain a thank you card, if you are a Walk Leader
- ❖ For Walk Leaders, the Walk Description Form for each Newsletter is also available at <http://www.cqbushwalkers.110mb.com/>
- ❖ Please send Walk Reports for the next Newsletter to capbushwalkers@gmail.com as an attachment, if possible using Microsoft Word, as early as possible after a walk.
- ❖ A reminder to everyone that the **May Day Combined Club Campout** is being hosted by the Bundaberg Club at Biggenden from **4 – 7 May, 2012**.

Lyme Disease (Borreliosis) is a serious disease and is transmitted by a tick bite. Ticks are prevalent in Central Queensland. For more information about the prevention of this disease, visit the website – <http://karlmcmanusfoundation.org.au>.



"Earlybird" Discount for Membership Renewal

In 2012 we are moving to a combined Membership Renewal/Acknowledgement of Risk declaration form. We are also very keen to ensure that all our member records are as up to date as possible. Hence we are offering the chance for all existing members who **renew their membership before the end of January, with a fully-completed renewal form, a \$5 discount** off the normal renewal fee for their type of membership. To be eligible for the discount you must:

- complete the membership renewal form attached to this Newsletter, including re-providing your current contact details;
- write "**earlybird discount**" at the top of the form;
- sign and date the form (both adult members of a family membership must sign);
- post the completed form, with your membership fee, to the Treasurer, Capricornia Bushwalkers, by the 31st of January 2012 (or deliver it in person to the Treasurer at the GM on Feb 5th).

The Treasurer's decision as to whether you have met the "earlybird" discount conditions will be final.

John Rideout

PRESIDENT'S REPORT AGM 2011

The last twelve months have been again filled with interesting and challenging club activities. Our current membership stands at 86, an improvement on 76 last year, so I sincerely welcome those new people and we look forward to seeing more new faces in 2012.

Our September week away in 2010 took club members to Lord Howe Island. This trip offered the challenge of summiting Mt Gower, the beauty of the landscape and abundant bird life, and fishing, snorkelling & cycling for those who like to live life to the fullest.

In October, the Cooloola Great Walk on the Sunshine Coast proved a wonderful experience for those who participated.

Christmas celebrations were enjoyed at Ferns Hideaway, where we danced late into the night to John's Rock and Roll songs, and drank copious amounts of wine. A rollicking good time was had by all.

In the new year, once again a group headed to Great Keppel Island for the Australia Day long weekend. As in previous years, this trip was thoroughly enjoyed by those who participated.

One of the highlights of 2011 for me was our trip to the Town of 1770 in February. We learned some history during our LARC venture to Bustard Head lighthouse, and then we let our inner children play as we sand-boarded down dunes into a tranquil sea.

A throughwalk on the Blackdown Tableland, led by Glynn, provided an interesting Easter Break. The group spent two nights camping along North Mimosa Creek, and although the going was tough in places, the waterfalls were spectacular.

Gladstone Bushwalkers hosted the May Day Combined Clubs Campout this year. We camped at Ubobo and enjoyed a great weekend of walking and camaraderie.

The Queen's Birthday long weekend in June took club members to the Boyne Valley, where history of the mining area featured on the walks.

As the AGM was moved this year from August to October, we have had another September week away in the interim. This year a group travelled to Kangaroo Island in South Australia. This trip proved to be extremely successful, with sightings of whales, fur seals, Australian sea lions, and much, much more. Twelve people attended and a thoroughly good time was had by all.

Once again I wish to extend a big "Thank You" to our walk leaders, for another year of challenging and enjoyable walking. I would also like to thank all of the walkers, as without your participation this club could not exist.

On a final note, changes to our Club Rules have been accepted by the Office of Fair Trading. Thank you to all Committee members who devoted extra time to this project.

Mary Howard
President



WALK REPORTS

Badger and Beyond 10 July 2011

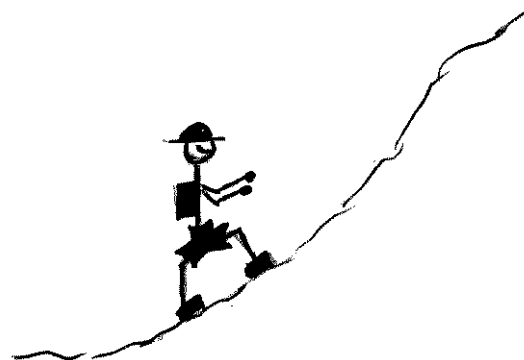
Two things should have forewarned me about this walk. Firstly, the intended destination of Cabbage Tree Hill had been changed to Mt Badger on the grounds of heavy vegetation. Would it be any less on Badger? Secondly, it was an "Alan" walk. However, I brushed aside any misgivings I might have had as I had never climbed Mt Badger and I was curious about it's "evil" reputation and Alan has been constantly telling us that he is slowing down – misleading information.

The day started with a definite chill and frost on the ground but any concerns about being cold were soon dashed as our group of seven (4 lads and 3 lasses) headed off at a steady pace towards a spur that would take us up the 525m to the top of Badger. Given the amount of vegetation camouflaging a very rocky surface, the trip up was much less punishing on the ankles than the descent later on in the day as we would discover.

The group enjoyed some marvellous coastal views during our climb up which was just as well as the views from the top were impeded by grass, shrubs and weeds but several inviting rocks were found upon which we sat to enjoy a well earned smoko break.

After an appropriate amount of time for R&R, we then headed off to conquer nearby Mt Risien and it was on this section of the walk that we came across an animal pad which obligingly went in the same direction as us. This gave us a break from the lantana and vines that were causing havoc with the feet and any exposed skin. Although we saw plenty of signs of horses on the mountain it wasn't until late in the day that we came across a small group of them. Fortunately, they did not insist on sharing the same path along which we were walking.

After lunching on the summit of Mt Risien, my expectations that we would take the first available spur to the bottom were cruelly crushed as it was explained to me that there was yet another peak to scale that day. It was simply known as #544 so on we hiked but again having the benefit of a much travelled animal pad. It was this section of the walk along the ridges that was the most picturesque with cabbage tree palms and grass trees.



One final rest stop before we appeared to be heading in a downward direction but any joy in this was soon spoiled by the treacherous nature of the rocky terrain which lay hidden under the long grass. I don't think any of us escaped the ignominy of the graceless fall or two – perhaps even three.

Alan's reputation as a navigator rose to yet another level as we emerged from the scrub at the exact spot that he had earlier cut a swathe through the impenetrable lantana so as to make the last few hundred metres back to the vehicles a great deal easier for weary, exhausted but strangely elated walkers. Thank you, Alan.

Cheryl Gargan

ISLA GORGE 13th 14th and 15th AUGUST 2011

Travelled to Isla Gorge on Friday 12th. and set up camp. Weather was perfect and there had been some back burning around the campsite.

Sat 13th Dawned bright and clear and the group 7 strong and led by Pauline Toop trekked out along the narrow path to the end of the lookout where it descended the roughly 200 metres to the floor of the gorge. We entered Gorge creek and proceeded someway downstream where we left the creek and proceeded onto the southern tip of Wappilka ridge; here we found a lovely little sandstone cave (984 123) which gave a good view back to the campsite. After drinks the group moved onto the northern aspect of Observation Peak (983 124). About half way up we came across a beautiful sandstone cave that had been sculpted by wind and weather. In some places the sandstone was weathered to paper thin sections. About this time Pauline gave the group an interesting dissertation on the lion ant which particular specimen had a limited range which included the gorge. We then crossed back onto Wappilka ridge and traversed a natural tunnel (981 127) through the ridge to the other side where the group had lunch. There were some striking colours in the rocks; white, yellow, orange and salmon plain or in stripes. The group then made its way along the western side of the ridge and descended a steep gully which had an absolute profusion of wild flowers including wattles, hoveas, epacris and numerous others. From the base it was a fairly straight forward walk back to the base and nice climb up to the lookout and back to camp for a cold drink.



Sunday 14th. began with a lovely crisp morning. Back down into the gorge and this time we journeyed upstream turned into Budhara Creek where we found a small cave with some aboriginal art (985 116). The group proceeded up Budhara Creek and into Hewitts Creek where we came across a large body of water which we initially thought was Gamu waterhole (pictured); the actual waterhole was about 300 metres further upstream (975 116) and was quite large and deep. Aboriginal art was also seen at this site. After lunch the group

wended its way back to the base of the lookout back up to camp; there were some very interesting rock formations along the creek.

Monday 15th Pauline and myself went looking for Dave Gordon Springs. We descended from the Arch (993 103) into a rather steep gully and followed it down to the junction with Gorge Creek. Proceeding too far upstream we totally missed the entrance to the springs. Eventually we found it at (990 100)and followed it for about 200 -300 metres. The springs appear to be permanent. Because of time constraints we did not proceed too far but returned to camp, had lunch and returned to Rockhampton.

Many thanks to Pauline for providing an interesting walk. The wild flowers and the geology of the park were stunning.

M.D.TAYLOR

Kangaroo Island (29/08-06/09) : A travelogue via email.

Hi every one! My name is Ian Ellis.

Most of you wouldn't have a clue as to my identity but I'm the male person who actually "survived" a recent trip to Kangaroo Island with 11 of the Capricornia Bush Walking Club's "best" bush walkin' ladies.

When safely back on the mainland I was subjected to continual pressure by one Margo Martin, another Capricornia Bushwalking enthusiast, to produce some Kangaroo Island images for her enjoyment.

Well, I cured Miss Margo. Once a day for 12 days I sent her an e-mail with 12 to 14 images attached. I only ceased because she was leaving the country.

After the dust had settled and the excitement had subsided I got to thinking, "I wonder if there are any others in the group who would like to see Margo's photos?" It was a type of Trip Report and everyone loves trip reports, so the answer was a possible "Maybe".

The e-mails have been converted to PDF files and stored on Google.docs.
You can access them via the links recorded below.

NOTE: Just one word of caution, due to the technical limitations of my "cousin", Chris Wright (she informs me we have a Norman Knight as a common ancestor) the links are listed in the exact reverse order. You will need to start at the bottom and work your way to the top. Use Ctrl-click to open hyperlink.

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Capricornia Bushwalkers Inc. – Membership Application

I wish to apply for / renew my membership (new memberships will be provisional, until approved by the next general meeting)	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal <input type="checkbox"/> New (Tick one box)
Type of membership	<input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Family (2 Adults + children)
Membership fee (for calendar year or part thereof)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 single <input type="checkbox"/> \$40 family
Personal Information By law, the club is required to maintain a register of members and their residential addresses. The information collected here is retained by the club secretary for the purposes of club business; it is otherwise confidential. The postal or email address you provide here will be used to send your newsletter, and any other club correspondence. The phone numbers will be used in emergencies.	Given Name(s) Family Name Residential Address (not PO Box) Postcode Mailing Address (if different) Postcode
Family membership: Please list below the names of all other people to be covered by this membership:	Phone: Home Work Email Address

I agree to observe the Club's Rules and By-laws laid down for members.
 The Club has Public Liability and Personal Accident Insurance covers. The limit of Public Liability is \$20,000,000. Personal Accident Insurance only covers members aged 18 to 84 years old, inclusive. The cost of insurance is included in the membership fee.

Acknowledgement of Risk

I acknowledge that when I am participating in any activity of the Capricornia Bushwalkers 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 the 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 acknowledge that the payment of my membership fee will be deemed as full acceptance and understanding of the above.

Signature(s): Single OR 1 st Adult Family member	Date:/...../..... 2 nd Adult Family member
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Please post your completed membership form, with membership fee, to:
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