

# CAPRICORNIA

# BUSHWALKERS

# INC

PO Box 1130  
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No: 125

## NEWSLETTER

June 2012



Before the climb - Mill Hill on 25 March 2012

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See last page for Schedule of Walks at a Glance  
See Page 6 for other important bushwalking/social items of note

## PROGRAM DETAILS

Closing date for nominations for walks and social events is normally at least **5 days** prior to the event. If you require transport please 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.

### 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>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, reasonable 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	<b>5</b>	Medium or Heavy Vegetation
<b>Total Uphill Sections</b>				<b>6</b>	Creeks/Rock Hopping
<b>ALT</b>	Approx change in height			<b>7</b>	Steep Scrambles

**Date** Sun 10 June

**Type** D/W, M+, B, 2, 7

**Location** Mt Dick

**Contact** Alan Rogers 49224935

**Note change of activity.** This is an off-track walk along the ridges of Mt Birkbeck to Mt Berserker and then on to Mt Dick itself. Excellent views of both the coast and the Rockhampton region can be had from many vantage points. Some of the vegetation along the ridgeline has been burnt off in recent times.

**Date** Sun 17 June

**Type** H/W, E, A, 4, 6, 7 Alt 200m

**Location** Frenchman's Creek – Part 1

**Contact** Pauline Toop 49261131

Half-day walk from the source of Frenchman's Creek near the Saddle to the bottom of Pilbeam Drive. Flora a little bit overgrown in places and you might get your feet wet, but parts of the creek are quite pleasant. Good to do "the whole of Frenchman's Creek".

**Date** Wed 20 – Tues 27 June

**Type** X/T

**Location** Jatbula Trail, NT

**Contact** Cheryl Gargan 49387375/0477156656

The Jatbula Trail is a 6-7 day independent walk from Katherine Gorge to Edith Falls. The end of each day's walk sees the group at a magnificent waterfall or waterhole. You may even get the chance to catch up with Barry the Buffalo. Contact Cheryl as soon as possible, as availability is limited.

**Date** Sun 24 June

**Type** H/W, E, B, 1

**Location** Frenchman's Creek – Part 2

**Contact** Pauline Toop 49261131

A cheerful walk mostly through parkland from the Pilbeam Drive end of the Frenchville Road Walking Track to Lakes Creek Road near where it enters the Fitzroy River.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Sun 1 July</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Girt Island</b>
<b>Type</b>	<b>H/W, E, B, 2</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Ros Nielsen 4928 7406</b>

**Note – change of leader.** A walk across to Girt Island (in fact to any island) on the low tide is always a fascinating experience. Contact Ros for further details for when, where to meet and what to bring.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Sun 8 July</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Bouldercombe Falls</b>
<b>Type</b>	<b>D/W, M, A, 6</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Glyn Gadsby 49275972</b>

This walk is suitable for people who are reasonably fit and who enjoy creeks with boulders and gorge-type terrain. We will be walking up Gavial Creek and then climbing up Crocodile Creek to a spur to Bouldercombe Gorge Lookout. From there, we descend into a minor tributary which takes us to Bouldercombe Falls Gorge with the possibility of a swim at one of the falls we encounter on the way down. The walk has lots of shade to stay cool and is only 20 minutes from Rockhampton.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Sun 15 July</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>The National Trail #1 Kabra to Bouldercombe</b>
<b>Type</b>	<b>T/W, D/W, E, B, 1</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Cheryl Gargan 49387375/0477156656</b>

We will pick up this section of the Bicentennial National Trail between Kabra and Bouldercombe where McEvoy Road leads on to the old mailman's track crossing several creeks along the way. If you enjoy easy, flat walks through some pleasant countryside, you should enjoy this walk.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Fri 20 July</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Bush Dance – Tobruk House</b>
<b>Type</b>	<b>Social</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Shirley Hopkins 49364792</b>

Enjoy a Bush Dance with Shirley and the Jacana Bush Dancers. The cost will be approximately \$5 per person, and all participants will be required to sign an indemnity form on the night. Please contact Shirley if you intend to attend the bush dancing.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Sun 22 July</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>The Peaks (Mt Atherton)</b>
<b>Type</b>	<b>D/W, B, H, 4WD, 2, 3, 5, 6</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Steve Kerr 49361748/0408303255</b>

A climb of "The Peaks" immediately to the west of Mt Atherton in Byfield that recent previous walks in the area have not quite reached. Should be good views across the Byfield and Shoalwater areas after a scramble up the rocky slopes. Not pre-walked, so might be a bit of an adventure. Alt 450. Driving 120 km.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Sat 28 July</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Mt Morgan</b>
<b>Type</b>	<b>Social</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Ros Nielsen 49287406</b>

Mt Morgan mine tour with a BBQ at the Big Dam after. Approximately \$20 - \$22, depending on numbers. **Ros will need to know definite numbers by 23 July or sooner.** Driving distance 80 kms return.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Fri - Sun 3 - 5 August</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Isla Gorge</b>
<b>Type</b>	<b>B/C, B, M, 2, 3, 4, 6</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Pauline Toop 49261131</b>

Isla Gorge is beautiful – multi-coloured sandstone escarpments and creeks, aboriginal art, and wildflowers. Drive up Friday afternoon (or evening for working people). Basecamp at QPWS roadside campsite and walk out each day and return to car at night. Day walk Saturday, Sunday, maybe Monday morning for non-working people. Approx 500 km round trip.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Sun 12 August</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>AGM - CCC Hut</b>
<b>Type</b>	<b>AGM</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>John Rideout 49398576</b>

Come along and have your say on the running of our Club for the following year.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Sun 19 August</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Mt Chapple via the Grey Rocks</b>
<b>Type</b>	<b>D/W, M/H, B, 2,6</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Cheryl Gargan 49387375/0477156656</b>

This trek to Mt Chapple will involve an energetic climb up a creek from Moore's Creek which brings us to a picturesque rainforest area just under the Grey Rocks. This is a great spot for smoko before proceeding on to Mt Chapple. There is a geocache to be discovered at the summit of Mt Chappel for those geocachers amongst us. The cooler weather should make this an enjoyable outing. Alt 435 m.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Sat/Sun 25-26 August</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Goodedulla National Park</b>
<b>Type</b>	<b>B/C, D/W, M, B, 2, 4, 4WD</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>John Rideout 49398576</b>

A return visit to this national park north of Riverslea, featuring open woodlands and dry scrub forests. A high-clearance vehicle is required for access to and within the park.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Sun 2 September</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>The National Trail #2 Bouldercombe to Mt Morgan</b>
<b>Type</b>	<b>T/W, D/W, E/M, C, 1</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Cheryl Gargan 49387375/0477156656</b>

This section of the Bicentennial National Trail between Bouldercombe and Mt Morgan follows the original pack track between the two settlements. In the steep climb up the Razorback Range, we will pass disused mine sites on the way leading to the old "town" of Moongan. There should be some good views back over the Bouldercombe/Gracemere region including the nearby Mt Dovecot. Driving Dist 20 km.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Sun 9 September</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Cawarral</b>
<b>Type</b>	<b>H/W, E, B, 1 Car Shuffle</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Cindi Birch cynthia.birch@bigpond.com</b>

Dirt road track; views of Mt Wheeler (Gawula). Return Drive distance 50 k. **Please contact Cindi on her email provided above.**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Sat 15 – Wed 26 Sept</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Cape to Cape Track WA</b>
<b>Type</b>	<b>B/C, M or H, X, 1</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Pauline Toop 49261131</b>

There are **two vacancies** left for this trip. Other details at a later date.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Sun 16 September</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Keppel Sands – Beach Walk/Pub Lunch/Indoor Bowls afternoon</b>
<b>Type</b>		<b>Contact</b>	<b>Dot Svendsen 49397443</b>

Another interesting Dot activity with a Beach Walk at Keppel Sands, lunch at the pub, and a session of Indoor Bowls following.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Sun 23 September</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Mt Kilner</b>
<b>Type</b>	<b>D/W, M, B, 2, 4</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>John/Barbara 4939 8576</b>

An enjoyable walk off the Thompson Point Road, with views over the river. Lunch at the top.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Sat/Sun 29/30 Sept/Mon 1 Oct</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>Type</b>		<b>Contact</b>

Currently vacant – suggestions welcome.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Sun 7 Oct</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>General Meeting</b>
<b>Type</b>	<b>General Meeting</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>President</b>

Have your say on the Walk Program and the future direction of our Club.

<b>Date</b>	<b>13 - 20 Oct</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Girraween National Park</b>
<b>Type</b>	<b>X/T</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Fay &amp; Frank Harkness</b> <b>(Gladstone Club)</b> <b>Phone 4975 7484/04 28 368 382</b> <b>fay@harkness.id.au</b>

The Gladstone Bushwalking Club is planning a week at Girraween National Park, and an invitation has been offered to our members to join them. Travel to campsite on Saturday, 13 October and depart on Saturday 20 October. Camping is at Bald Rock Creek camping ground. Walks are easy to hard; main tracks are well defined but expect rocky sections and steep upper slopes. Be prepared for cold changes any time. The facilities are suitable for tents, caravans or camper trailers; there are showers/toilets/open fireplaces and bbq wood/fuel/coin. More information and camping permits are available on line at [www.derm.qld.gov.au/parks/girraweennationalpark](http://www.derm.qld.gov.au/parks/girraweennationalpark).

<b>Date</b>	<b>Sat 20 Oct</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Pistol Club</b>
<b>Type</b>	<b>Social</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Dot Svendsen 49397443</b>

Saturday morning at the Pistol Club with Dot.

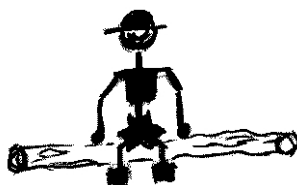
<b>Date</b>	<b>Sun 28 Oct</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>National Trail #3: Mt Morgan – Dee River</b>
<b>Type</b>	<b>T/W, D/W, E/M, C, 1</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Cheryl Gargan 49387375/0477156656</b>

This section of the Bicentennial National Trail sees us following the Dee River while at the same time venturing across old disused railway tracks, bridges and railway yards along the way. Driving distance 35 km.

**Barbara would like to thank all the Walk Leaders for responding so promptly with their Walk Descriptions for this edition of the Newsletter. Your co-operation is much appreciated. Enjoy your walking!**

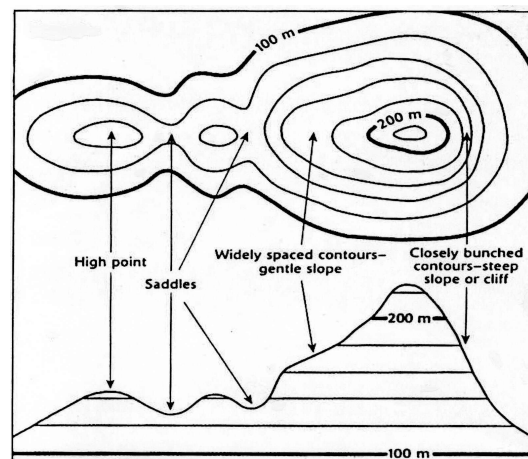
## ITEMS OF NOTE

- ❖ Please remember that the Club has purchased a **PLB (personal locator beacon)** for emergency use on any bushwalk. Walk leaders may arrange for collection of the PLB with Pauline Toop (49261131). "Don't leave home without it!"
- ❖ We are continuing a **Member's Choice Social**, nominally on the third Friday of each month. If you have a social event that you'd like to share with other bushwalkers, contact the Secretary, Cheryl, with details and she can ask who else is interested.
- ❖ Being a paid-up member of the club provides you with 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 Club has a new website. The address is <http://capricornia.bwq.org.au/>
- ❖ Please contact the Secretary at [capricornia\\_bushwalkers@yahoo.com.au](mailto: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://capricornia.bwq.org.au/>
- ❖ Please keep sending in Walk Reports for the next Newsletter to [capricorn.bushwalkers@gmail.com](mailto:capricorn.bushwalkers@gmail.com) as an attachment, if possible using Microsoft Word, as early as possible after a walk.
- ❖ Our website - <http://capricornia.bwq.org.au/> has material for beginners and Walk Leaders, previous Newsletters and other useful bushwalking information.



## Contour Maps

An understanding of contour lines is essential when using a map to anticipate the terrain which lies ahead. Saddles, peaks, ravines, river flats, ridges and steep slopes can all be 'read' in a contour map.





## WALK REPORTS

In the spirit of sharing inter-club pursuits, Capricornia Bushwalkers and the Gladstone Bushwalkers joined in a weekend of activities on the 24/25 March..

### CAMP OUT AT CAPRICORN COAST - Pam (Gladstone Bushwalker)

**24/25 March 2012**

On Saturday morning five club members and a visitor enjoyed short walks on the Double Head and Bluff Point National Park headland (Rosslyn Bay) with fantastic views to the surrounding islands and coastline.

In the afternoon we were joined by members of the Rockhampton Bushwalkers for a very social and relaxed canoe trip on The Causeway Lake.

On the Sunday morning we again joined the Rockhampton Bushwalkers for a walk in the Mill Hill area. Initially we walked in a friendly and welcoming gathering on relatively flat grazing country to the foot of Mill Hill, then a relatively short climb (approx 250 metres) to the summit for morning tea. There were views for kilometres in most directions. After our descent we climbed to the base of a large rock - Camp Hill Rock - where after a short walk we enjoyed lunch at the Butterfly Grotto, quite a secret garden in amongst moss covered rocks and ancient trees. We returned through recently rain-drenched fields to the cars after a most enjoyable morning under John and Barbara's walk leadership. A most enjoyable walk; thanks John, Barbara and the Rockhampton Bushwalkers.



**After the climb**

## MT BARMOYA - 15 April 2012



Mt Barmoya is a tempting hill  
Its challenges are legend  
But despite the rain, the wind and the cold  
We intrepid eight weren't daunted.

With John at the helm we soldiered on  
Through thick and thin we persisted  
Not one complained, though the going was tough  
For we are the Club made of sterner stuff  
And we rise to these occasions.

The summit was reached in a swirl of cloud  
And we stopped for a bite to eat  
Our spirits were still high and our hopes weren't dashed  
For we knew that the weather was changing.

The sun appeared, the clouds they vanished  
The views all around were terrific  
With a cheer and a wave we descended that hill  
And were rewarded once again with the knowledge  
That we'd experienced another whim of our land  
And lived to tell the tale.



Barbara



<b>Capricornia Bushwalkers Inc. – Membership Application</b>	
<b>I wish to apply for / renew my membership</b> (new memberships will be provisional, until approved by the next general meeting)	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal <input type="checkbox"/> New (Tick one box)
<b>Type of membership</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Family (2 Adults + children)
<b>Membership fee</b> (for calendar year or part thereof)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 single <input type="checkbox"/> \$40 family
<b>Personal Information</b> 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 .....
<b>Family membership:</b> 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.

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

**Treasurer, Capricornia Bushwalkers Inc., PO Box 1130, Rockhampton, Qld 4700.**



## SCHEDULE TO MID OCTOBER 2012 AT A GLANCE

Days	Dates	Activity	MO	Contact	Phone	Time
Sun	17 June	Frenchman's Creek – Part 1		Pauline	4926 1131	H/W, E, A, 4, 6, 7
Wed - Tues	20 – 27 June	Jatbula Trail, NT	√	Cheryl	4938 7375 04 77 156 656	X/T
Sun	24 June	Frenchman's Creek – Part 2		Pauline	4926 1131	H/W, E, B, 1
Sun	1 July	Girt Island		Ros	4928 7406	H/W, E, B, 2
Sun	8 July	Bouldercombe Falls		Glynn	4927 5972	D/W, M, A, 6
Sun	15 July	The National Trail #1 Kabra to Bouldercombe		Cheryl	4938 7375 04 77 156 656	T/W, D/W, E, B, 1
Fri	20 July	Bush Dance – Tobruk House		Shirley	4936 4792	Social
Sun	22 July	The Peaks, Byfield	√	Steve	4936 1748 04 08 303 255	D/W, B, H, 2, 3, 5, 6 4WD
Sat	28 July	Mine Tour, BBQ at the Big Dam – Mt Morgan		Ros	4928 7406	Social
Fri - Mon	3 - 6 August	Isla Gorge	√	Pauline	4926 1131	B/C, B, M, 2, 3, 4, 6
Sun	12 August	Annual General Meeting	√	John	4939 8576	Meeting
Sun	19 August	Mt Chapple		Cheryl	4938 7375 04 77 156 656	D/W, M/H, B, 2, 6
Sat - Sun	25/26 August	Goodedulla National Park - 4WD	√	John	4939 8576	B/C, D/W, M, B, 2, 4,
Sun	2 Sept	The National Trail #2 Bouldercombe to Mt Morgan		Cheryl	4938 7375 04 77 156 656	T/W, D/W, E/M, C, 1
Sun	9 Sept	Cawarral - <a href="mailto:cynthia.birch@bigpond.com">cynthia.birch@bigpond.com</a>		Cindi	email	H/W, E, B, 1
Sun	16 Sept	Keppel Sands Walk/Pub Lunch/Indoor Bowls pm		Dot	4939 7443	Social
Sun - Wed	16 – 26 Sept	Trip to WA – Cape to Cape	√	Pauline	4926 1131	B/C, M or H, X, 1
Sun	23 Sept	Mt Kilner		John/Barbara	4939 8576	D/W, M, B, 2, 4
Sat - Mon	29 – 1 Oct (Q's B)	Currently vacant – suggestions welcome				
Sun	7 Oct	General Meeting	√	President		Meeting
Sat	13 - 20 Oct	Girraween National Park with Gladstone Club	√	Frank and Fay Harknesss	4975 7484 04 28 368 382	X/T
Sat	20 Oct	Saturday Morning at the Pistol Club		Dot	4939 7443	Social
Sun	28 Oct	National Trail #3: Mt Morgan – Dee River		Cheryl	4938 7375 04 77 156 656	T/W, D/W, E/M, C, 1

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