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BUSHWALKERS

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NEWSLETTER

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Braving the mist on Mt Archer, 11 November, 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

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 Sun 17 March
Type D/W, M, A, 2, 4, 6
Location Mt Etna Caves National Park
Contact Pauline 4926 1131

We begin the trip with a walk through Johannsen's Cave to discuss the formation of the caves, and the biology, ecology and history of the area. Then we hike over the interesting limestone karst to the Interpretive Centre at the other end of the karst.

Date Sun 24 March
Type H/W, M, A, 2, 4, 7
Location Mt Hedlow, Lunch, Paddle
Contact John/Barbara 4939 8576

Climb Mt Hedlow in the morning, then have lunch by the creek, and an afternoon paddle if you're still energetic (BYO canoe), or just join in the eating/relaxing/paddling action whenever you like. Access is dependent on there being no heavy rain before the day.

Date Fri 29 Mar - Mon 1 April
Type B/C, M, B, 2
Location Blackdown Tableland
Contact Glyn 4927 5972

We will be doing day walks at Blackdown Tableland. Places we will be walking include Stony Creek Falls, Spring Creek, North Mimosa Creek and Rainbow Falls. Return distance is 500 km, and nominations close Sunday, 17 March 2013.

Date Sun 7 April
Type D/W, M, B, 1
Location Mt Morgan
Contact Greer 4912 5201

This walk will take participants through some historical sites with panoramic views over the Mt Morgan township and of the old mine site.

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Date	Fri 12 April	Location	Bushdance
Type	Social	Contact	Barbara 4939 8576

The Jacana Bushdancers are offering a bushdance for the Capricornia Bushwalkers on Friday 12 April, at the Rockhampton Pipe Band Hall, Gladstone Road, starting at 7.30 pm. Supper is included and the cost will be \$6 per person. They have public liability insurance, and it is just necessary to sign the Visitors' Book. If attending, please give your name to Barbara **before Friday 5 April**, for catering purposes.

Date	Sun 14 April	Location	Berserkers
Type	H/W, M, B, 2	Contact	Carol 04 00 195 405

We will explore Thozet Creek, starting at its source in the Mt Archer National Park. A variety of scenery to enjoy. Car shuffle to be arranged at 0800. Approximate return driving distance is 12 km.

Date	Sun 21 April	Location	Berserkers
Type	H/W, E, A, 2	Contact	Carol 04 00 195 405

This walk will continue from where the previous week's walk ended. We will start at 1400, and it will finish with a catered barbecue at Carol's home. A small cost will be involved for the barbecue participants. Approximate return driving distance is 6 km.

Date	Sun 28 April	Location	Mt Archer Rainforest Creek
Type	H/W, M, A, 2, 4, 6, Alt 400 m	Contact	Pauline 4926 1131

This is a new walk (or at least it hasn't been done in the last seven years). Up a rainforest creek from the bottom of Mt Archer to the top.

Date	Sun 5 May	Location	Mystery Walk
Type	D/W, M, C, 2, 5, 7	Contact	Alan 4922 4935

The walk will be guided by Alan, who is a very experienced and able leader. However, Alan wishes to convey to participants that as he is not as agile as he used to be, heavy ropes, crampons and machetes will not be required for this walk.

Date	Weekend 11, 12 May	Location	Mt Morgan, Belgamba
Type	CCC pre-walks	Contact	John 4939 8576

In conjunction with Cheryl's walk/paddle on the Sunday below, this will be an opportunity for members to pre-walk the various walks being offered for the CCC in June. We will also visit the showgrounds to familiarise members with the layout and facilities on the grounds.

Date	Sun 12 May	Location	Mt Morgan Dam Picnic Area
Type	Soc, H/W, E, A, 1, 2	Contact	Cheryl 4938 7375/04 77 156 656

Come and spend a pleasant Mother's Day morning at the Mt Morgan Dam. A walk around a section of the dam is planned together with a paddle up into the feed-in creeks including the River Dee (BYO kayak/canoe). There will be an opportunity for the interested non-kayak owner to have a paddle on the day. This will be followed by a picnic lunch on the banks of the dam.

Date	Sun 19 May	Location	Mt Archer
Type	H/W, M, A, 2, 4, 6, Alt 400 m	Contact	Pauline 4926 1131

This also is a new walk (or at least not done in the last seven years), down a usually dry stony creek from the top of Mt Archer to the bottom.

Date	Sun 26 May	Location	Tennis Day
Type	Social	Contact	Dot 4939 7443

Enjoy a game of social tennis at the Woodbury Tennis Club with Dot. Starting time is 10 am with smoko, followed by a game of tennis and a barbecue. Cost is \$10 for the day. There will be raffles, and you can buy your drinks there. **Please contact Dot by Monday 20 May if wishing to participate.**

Date	Sun 2 June	Location	To be advised
Type	Meeting or H/W, E, A, 1, 4	Contact	John 4939 8576

Depending on the Club's readiness for the CCC, held on the following weekend, this will either be:

Meetings to finalise CCC arrangements, or;
A short half-day walk on Mt Archer

Cheryl will advise members by email when it is known which option will happen.

Date	Sat 8/Sun 9/Mon 10 June	Location	Mt Morgan Showgrounds
Type	Combined Clubs' Campout	Contact	John 4939 8576

Plans are will under way for this must-attend event of the year. We need lots of volunteers to handle this 3-day weekend. For newcomers - it's a get-together of members from Capricornia, Gladstone, Bundaberg and also members from other clubs in Queensland.

Date	Sun 16 June	Location	CCC Hut, Livermore St, R'ton
Type	General Meeting	Contact	John 4939 8576

Have your say on the Walk Program from August till the end of the year.

Date	Sun 23 June	Location	Girt Island
Type	H/D, E, A, 2	Contact	Melanie 04 02 402 989

A low afternoon tide is the magnet for the very popular walk to Girt Island. After crossing Pumpkin Creek, the group will trundle along the sand on to the spit which leads to Girt Island off Keppel Sands. There might be an opportunity to spy a nestling sea eagle in the nest on the island. It's always an unforgettable experience to look back to the mainland and see such sights as Gawula and the Berserker Ranges.

Date	Sun 30 June	Location	Mt Sleipner
Type	D/W, M/H, B, 2, 4, 5, Alt 500	Contact	Cheryl 4938 7375/04 77 156 656

We will walk up the ridge in the National Park at Nerimbera. Some steep sections. Excellent all-round views from the top. An enjoyable day is assured.

Date	Sun 7 July	Location	"Hibiscus" Creek, Byfield
Type	D/W, M, B, 2, 4, 6, Alt 300	Contact	John/Barbara 4939 8576

Our aim will be to rockhop up to a small permanent waterhole on a plateau south of Mt Ganter. Views of the coastal dunes on the way. Rainforest and lush eucalypt forest beside the creek, but open walking in the creek.

Date	Sun 14 July	Location	The Pointers, Canoona
Type	D/W, M, A, 2, 4, Alt 200 m	Contact	Pauline 4926 1131

A very pretty circuit walk and hopefully the wattle will be flowering. Up over several small peaks, along a dry creek and back along the road to the start. Approximate driving distance is 100 km return.

Date	Sun 21 July	Location	Xmas in July at Maxine's Home
Type	Social	Contact	Maxine 4928 3212

Please bring a hot dish or dessert to share. Maxine will provide soups and buns. There will be a Santa, so everyone is requested to bring a gift marked "male" or "female". Games will be 'on' for the evening too. Start time is 5 pm. **Contact Maxine by Wednesday, 17 July if attending.**

Date	Sun 28 July	Location	Mt Kilner
Type	D/W, M, B, 2, 4, Alt 350 m	Contact	John/Barbara 4939 8576

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

Date	Sat – Thurs 3 - 8 August	Location	Jatbula Trail, NT
Type	X/T, M/O, M/H, X, 2, 6	Contact	Robyn 4939 2669/04 27 277 400 drblack11@bigpond.com

An excellent long-distance walking trail through Nitmiluk National Park (Katherine Gorge – Edith River) that features seasonal waterfalls, swimming, aboriginal art and stunning scenery. The 66 km trail is suited to walkers who are prepared to carry all supplies with them, and camp in basic conditions. Altitude is minimal. Contact Robyn for more details.

Date	Sun 4 Aug	Location	CCC Hut, Livermore Street, R'ton
Type	Annual General Meeting	Contact	John 4939 8576

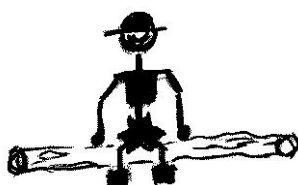
Come along and have your say on the running and the future direction of our Club for the following year.

Date	Tues 27 Aug – Wed 4 Sept	Location	Flinders Ranges, SA
Type	X/T, M/O, M, X	Contact	Cheryl 4938 7375/04 77 156 656

This year, a visit to the Flinders Ranges in SA is planned. We will commence the trip in Adelaide and visit the Mt Remarkable National Park and Dutchman's Stern National Park on our way to Wilpena Pound. Side trips along the way will include a visit to the wine region of Clare and to the historical village of Burra. The Heysen Trail passes through all of the above-mentioned National Parks. It is intended to walk on it where we can. **Please nominate early for this trip as interest will be high and numbers will be limited.**

ITEMS OF NOTE

- ❖ **Wanted – butchers, bakers, candlestick makers – well not quite, but helpers are needed at the Combined Clubs' Campout to be held at the Mt Morgan Showgrounds from Friday 7 June to Monday 10 June this year. Excellent progress has been made so far with the Walks' Program, the T-Shirts and the Social Calendar for the weekend, but more helpers are needed for a variety of jobs on one or more of these days. Call John on 4939 8576 if you are available to help the Club with this very important event.**
- ❖ Congratulations to Cindi Birch – winner of the Voucher from BCF for the 2013 early membership draw.
- ❖ 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!"
- ❖ 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 address of the Club's website is <http://capricornia.bwq.org.au/>
- ❖ 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://capricornia.bwq.org.au/>
- ❖ Please keep sending in Walk Reports for the next Newsletter to 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.
- ❖ Please remember the Club is **subsidising half the cost** of an **Accredited First Aid Course** this financial year. The Management Committee will need to see the **Certificate of Achievement and Receipt** for the Course.



WALK REPORTS

WINDAH CROSSING CAMPOUT 3-4 November 2012

With grey skies threatening, 10 enthusiastic bushwalkers headed west for an overnight campout at Windah Crossing, approx. 20 kms north of Gogango on the Fitzroy River. After driving through clear flowing water to cross the river, we set up camp in the river bed on the edge of a waterhole. Sadly, most of the vegetation within the river confines had been destroyed/drowned due to the length of flood inundation during the big wet of late 2011/early 2012. Shade was sparse but conditions were cool and cloudy which made for a pleasant afternoon.

Later in the day, most people headed upstream for a look at the weir, constructed by a local grazier in the late 60's to enable irrigation for his crops. It was a leisurely walk in the sand whilst Ian launched his kayak and went for a paddle downstream. Glyn took every opportunity for swimming.

The usual happy hour was enjoyed while the camp fire settled down with some excellent coals for the BBQ. The wind proved a challenge at times, blowing away Glyn's tent before he could secure it, and later in the night, blowing over Jerry's chair before he could sit in it!!! A few found a new friend in 'Sonata'. Robyn cooked her usual camp oven dessert, spotted dick, and then later in the night, David entertained us all with his guitar, singing a few old favourites.

During the night, a couple of newly hatched turtles were spotted heading for the water. What a treat to see. The normal early night tradition was broken when we all kicked along quite late into the evening.

Sunday was again leisurely, with a walk downstream after breakfast and pack up. David pointed out the proposed Rookwood Weir site and we talked about how this would change the complexion of the river and its surrounds. What a wonderful spot will be lost.

After a short drive, the rest of our morning was spent walking up Round Mountain where we stopped for morning tea and a chat about what the views offered. Looking west was the junction of the Dawson and Mackenzie Rivers to form the Fitzroy and to the south was the Gogango Creek catchment. Pauline saw numerous insects of interest, as well as a number of wrens flitting about. We then took a short drive out to Riverslea Crossing where David talked of some of the history of the area, particularly the original riverbed crossing. You can still see remnants of the concrete causeway and timber formwork edging.

To complete a relaxing time, a beer and burger was enjoyed at the Westwood Hotel before everyone headed home. It was a steady yet enjoyable weekend for all and it was suggested it be made an annual event.



A relaxed walk



A happy group

Robyn

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BREAKFAST BBQ AND ELIDA ST LOOP WALK

Chris, Jamie, Mary, Pauline, Cheryl, Fay, Glyn, Cindy, Maxine, Ros and Deb braved the storm for breakfast atop Mt Archer, Sunday morning 11/11/12. This was despite not being able to see the summit from the lowlands of Rockhampton due to rain and low cloud cover.

The planned activity combined social with exercise. Bacon and eggs cooked on the summit BBQ's, prior to a walk around the summit in the vicinity of Elida St, though staying within the boundary of Berserker National Park.

I suspect some members heard the rain falling and went back to sleep.

The smell of bacon soon wafted across the summit. The inclement weather gave us the opportunity to enjoy the setting perfectly, and without distraction from others. Thus, sufficiently fuelled, we began our short stroll around the Mt Archer summit in the pervasive mist.

Benefit of the night's rain was the freshness of the vegetation and the coolness of the atmosphere. The forever changing swirling mist around us and the surrounding mountains, gave a moody atmosphere which is not something usually experienced on our walks in Central Queensland.

We returned to our cars shortly before 11 am which allowed us time to enjoy the rest of the day.

Carol

VALLIS PARK

17 February 2013

With a bit of good luck, the moody weather disappeared for a morning, and fifteen bushwalkers enjoyed a morning's walk along a reasonably clear track in Vallis Park in the Capricorn National Park.



View towards Rosslyn Heads



Looking out towards the Keppel Islands

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



SCHEDULE TO END JULY 2013 AT A GLANCE

Days	Dates	Activity	MO	Contact	Phone	Type
Sun	17 March	Mt Etna Caves National Park	√	Pauline	4926 1131	D/W, M, A, 2, 4, 6
Sun	24 March	Mt Hedlow morning climb, lunch and paddle Hedlow Creek in afternoon		John/Barbara	4939 8576	H/W, M, A, 2, 4, 7
Fri-Mon	29 Mar –1 Apr	Easter – Blackdown Tableland	√	Glyn	4927 5972	B/C, M, B, 2
Sun	7 April	Mt Morgan historical walk	√	Greer	4912 5201	D/W, M, B, 1
Fri	12 April	Bushdance - contact Barbara by Friday 5 April	√	Barbara	4939 8576	Social
Sun	14 April	Berserkers		Carol	04 00 195 405	H/W, M, B, 2
Sun	21 April	Berserkers		Carol	04 00 195 405	H/W, E, A, 2
Sun	28 April	Mt Archer Rainforest Creek	√	Pauline	4926 1131	H/W, M, A, 2, 4, 6
Sun	5 May	Mystery Walk	√	Alan	4922 4935	D/W, M, C, 2, 5, 7
Sat Sun	11 May 12 May	Belgamba CCC preparation weekend, plus Mt Morgan Dam Picnic Area	√	John Cheryl	4939 8576 4938 7375 04 77 156 656	Soc, H/W, E, A, 1, 2
Sun	19 May	Mt Archer	√	Pauline	4926 1131	H/W, M, A, 2, 4, 6
Sun	26 May	Tennis Day – contact Dot by 20 May		Dot	4939 7443	Social
Sun	2 June	CCC Meeting or Walk on Mt Archer	√	John	4939 8576	Meeting or H/W, E, A, 1, 4
Sat/Sun/Mon	8/9/10 June	Combined Clubs' Campout – Mt Morgan Showgrounds	√	John	4939 8576	Organised Walks for participants
Sun	16 June	General Meeting	√	John	4939 8576	Meeting
Sun	23 June	Girt Island	√	Melanie	04 02 402 989	H/D, E, A, 2
Sun	30 June	Mt Sleipner	√	Cheryl	4938 7375 04 77 156 656	D/W, M/H, B, 2, 4, 5
Sun	7 July	Hibiscus Creek, Byfield	√	John/Barbara	4939 8576	D/W, M, B, 2, 4, 6
Sun	14 July	The Pointers, Canoona		Pauline	4926 1131	D/W, M, A, 2, 4
Sun	21 July	Christmas in July – contact Maxine by 17 July	√	Maxine	4928 3212	Social
Sun	28 July	Mt Kilner	√	John/Barbara	4939 8576	D/W, M, B, 2, 4
Sat - Wed	3 - 8 August	Jatbula Trail, NT	√	Robyn	4939 2669 04 27 277 400	X/T, M/O, M/H, X, 2, 6
Sun	4 August	AGM	√	John	4939 8576	AGM
Tues - Wed	27 Aug – 4 Sept	Week long trip- Flinders Ranges, SA – nominate early	√	Cheryl	4938 7375 04 77 156 656	X/T, M/O, M, X

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