

CAPRICORNIA

BUSHWALKERS

INC

PO Box 1130
Rockhampton 4700

Club's website: <http://capricornia.bwq.org.au/>

No: 130

NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2014



Mission Accomplished – Great Keppel Island, 2014

President

John Rideout 4939 8576

Secretary

Cheryl Gargan 4938 7375

Treasurer

Athol Keanalley 04 18 677 220

Management Committee Members

Mary Howard, Deborah Mylrea, Ros
Nielsen, Alan Rogers, Pauline Toop

Safety & Training

Dave Larkin

Newsletter

Barbara Howard

Social Committee

Carol Campbell, Mary Howard, Maxine
Maunder

See last page for Schedule of Walks at a Glance

****The club now has TWO Personal Locator Beacons.
Look on Page 7 for the CONTACTS for these PLBs.**

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
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 6 April 2014
Type D/W, M/O, H, C, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
 Alt 525 m

Location The Badger
Contact Mary 04 22 036 449
 gracemoonster@gmail.com

Walk from New Zealand Gully up and around the ridges, and return down a spur to the cars. Challenge yourself and be rewarded at the top with a great sense of achievement.

Date Sun 13 April 2014
Type H/D, T/W, M/O, M, B, 1, 2, 4
 Alt approx 300 m

Location Capricorn Coast
Contact Deborah 4935 4029 after 7 pm
 04 21 850 568

Join Deborah for a moderate, pleasant walk at the Capricorn Coast. It will include a mixture of some climbing, track and off-track walking and minor scrub.

Date Fri 18 – Mon 21 April 2014 (Easter)
Type B/C, M/O, M, B, 2, 4, 6 Alt 200 m

Location Blackdown Tableland
Contact Glyn 4927 5972

We will be doing day walks to a number of different areas including Stoney Creek Falls, North and South Mimosa Creeks and Rainbow Falls. A creek near the campsite is suitable for swimming but drinking water must be taken in with you. The Park is very beautiful with sandstone escarpment/lush vegetation/tall trees and waterfalls. **There will be a limited number of places available (12), so nominate early. Camping fees apply. Contact Glyn for further information.**

Date	Sun 1 June	Location	Upper Stoney Creek, Byfield
Type	D/W, M, B, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 Alt 300 m	Contact	Dave 4939 4916 or 04 07 131 089

A pleasant June day of walking around the Upper Stoney Creek area at Byfield. Come along and enjoy a mixture of good company with rewarding views of the countryside.

Date	Fri 6 – Mon 9 June	Location	Combined Club Campout
Type	All types of walks offered	Contact	To be advised

Information about the Combined Club Campout hosted by the Gladstone Bushwalking Club at Calliope will be posted when it comes to hand. The camp will be held on the Queen's Birthday weekend, Fri 6 – Mon 9 June.

Date	Sun 15 June	Location	Mt Archer National Park
Type	D/W, T/W, N/F, H, B, 2, 5 Alt 600m	Contact	Cheryl 4938 7375 zilziebeach@bigpond.com

We will take advantage of the cooler weather to complete an off-track walk/climb up a ridge to the parkland atop Mt Archer.

Date	Sat/Sun 21/22 June	Location	Farnborough Road, Woodbury/ Farnborough Beach
Type	SOC, H/W, B/C, E/M, B Alt 200 m	Contact	Ron 04 27 397 805 ronh227@hotmail.com

Campover and Sunday morning walk. My address is 1337 Farnborough Road. Arrive 1600 onwards. Set up your camp and have your dinner by 1800. BBQ and cooking facilities available. Campfire and entertainment by special guest artists. Damper and billy tea for dessert. Morning walk on Farnborough Beach from Bangalee. (Time to suit walkers.)

Date	Sun 29 June	Location	“Hibiscus” Creek, Byfield
Type	D/W, M, B, 2, 4, 6 Alt 300	Contact	John 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 6 July	Location	Mt Barmoya
Type	H/W, M, B, 2, 4, 5, 7 Alt 355 m	Contact	Dave 4939 4916 or 04 07 131 089

Another promising winter walk in the Capricorn Coast area; great views from the top of Mt Barmoya, after climbing through some minor scrub.

Date	Sun 13 July	Location	Capricorn Coast
Type	H/W, T/W, E, C, 1	Contact	Cheryl 4938 7375 zilziebeach@bigpond.com

Emu Park to the Causeway. The very low 0.3 m tide will enable us to enjoy an afternoon walk along the foreshore from Emu Park to the Causeway. Fish and chips for dinner might be a popular choice on the completion of the walk.

Date	Sat 19 July	Location	Alpaca Farm
Type	SOC	Contact	Maxine 4928 3212

A minimum of 12 people is required for this visit to go ahead. The tour, starts at 2 pm at Artillery Road, 3 ks in from the Yeppoon Road. It is well sign-posted. Cost is \$6.60 per person. Afternoon Tea is provided. Come along and see, hear about and pat Alpacas. **Please CONTACT MAXINE ON 4928 3212 by SATURDAY, 12 JULY**, if you intend to go.

Date	Sun 20 July	Location	CCC Hut, Livermore Street
Type	General Meeting	Contact	John 4939 8576

All members are cordially invited to attend the General Meeting of the Club. Have a say in the development of the Club and help with the Program of Walks to the end of 2014.

Date	Sun 27 July	Location	Mt Hedlow and Hedlow Creek
Type	SOC, H/W, E/M, A, 7 Alt 200 m	Contact	Ron 04 27 397 805 ronh227@hotmail.com

Kayak or climb or both? Your choice. 8 am start.

Date	Sat/Sun 2/3 August	Location	Windah Crossing on Fitzroy River Thirsty Creek Road, Gogango
Type	B/C, T/W, N/F, O/N, M, B, 2, 4	Contact	David & Robyn 4939 2669 04 27 277 400

Arrive at Windah Crossing after lunch Saturday to set up camp. Short afternoon walk then campfire dinner. BBQ plate supplied. Sunday morning pack up then short drive to Yarra Crossing on Melaleuca (Rookwood) Creek (includes car shuttle). Walk along creek to Riverslea Crossing. Lunch at old stockman's hut on riverbank then walk on to river lookout. Mid-afternoon finish.

Date	Sun 10 August	Location	Mt Maryvale, Byfield
Type	D/W, M, B, 2, 4, Alt 300	Contact	John 4939 8576

A climb up to the top of Mt Maryvale, with views of the Byfield/coastal areas. Then walking around the top, and returning by a different route, if vegetation on walk-day allows.

Date	Sun 17 August	Location	CCC Hut, Livermore Street
Type	Annual General Meeting	Contact	John 4939 8576

The AGM of the Capricornia Bushwalking Club will be held on Sunday 17 August at the CCC Hut, when the Committee for the next year will be elected. Come along and have your say.

Club's website: <http://capricornia.bwq.org.au/>

Date	Sat – Sun, 23 – 31 August	Location	Mornington Peninsula - 100 km Walk
Type	X/T, M/O, E/M, X, 1	Contact	Cheryl 4938 7375 zilziebeach@bigpond.com

Nominations for this walk have CLOSED.

Date	Sun 24 August	Location	Mt Archer
Type	H/W, SOC, E, A, 2, 6	Contact	Carol 04 00 195 405 ccampb12@gmail.com

Meet at the top of Mt Archer for a BBQ Breakfast, followed by a short walk “around” the summit. Variety of vegetation and views to enjoy.

Date	Sun 31 August	Location	Cabbage Tree Hill
Type	D/W, H, B, 2, 3, 4, 7	Contact	Kathy 04 00 292 248

We will start from New Zealand Gully and follow the ridges to Cabbage Tree Hill, and return by a different route. Good views from top of the hill.

FUTURE EVENTS

Date	Sat/Sun, 18/19 October	Location	North Keppel Island
Type	E/M, A, 1, 2, 3	Contact	Cheryl 4938 7375 zilziebeach@bigpond.com

Join us for a weekend of exploring North Keppel Island. Spaces are still available for the weekend which sees us staying at the North Keppel Island Environment Centre. A cost of \$150 includes return transfers, accommodation, all meals and use of kayaks etc. A \$20 deposit will be required to confirm your booking. There is a maximum number, so don't miss out.

Date	Fri, 31 October	Location	O'Dowds Pub
Type	SOC, A	Contact	Maxine 4928 3212

Halloween Ghost Tour – dress for the occasion. Option for meal at O'Dowds prior (10% discount). Cost \$25 per person plus meal. **RSVP to Maxine by Friday, 24 October.**

ITEMS OF NOTE

- ❖ The Club now has **TWO PLBs (personal locator beacons)** for emergency use on any bushwalk. One will be located in Rockhampton and the other at the Capricorn Coast. Walk leaders may arrange for collection of the PLB from –

Glyn Gadsby (4927 5972) Rockhampton, until the 19 July General Meeting when it finds itself back with **Pauline (4926 1131)**

John Rideout (4939 8576) Capricorn Coast

Collectors of PLBs - please **complete the form** when collecting the PLB from Glyn, Pauline or John. "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
- ❖ 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

CHRISTMAS BREAKUP

Weekend Sat/Sun, 30 Nov/1 Dec 2013

The Christmas breakup, 2013, was held at the treasure that is Belgamba, with its shimmering landscape and its chorus of birdsong.

Late Saturday afternoon saw a flotilla of 4WDs inching towards the eastern fringe of the property, where tables and chairs were set up for a sunset experience like no other. Yes, we did see glimpses of the sun, between threatening rain-bearing clouds and rumblings of thunder. Thanks Ian for these embellishments and the great scenery.



After a delightful dinner (thanks again to the providers) and Santa's profusion of presents, we celebrated Ron's birthday under the tarp despite the rain drumming on the roof.

Sunday's outing was a pleasant morning walk to Donny's Lookout and back to the campsite via the Upper Dee Track, after which members started packing up and heading home. Another year had passed in the life of the Capricornia Bushwalking Club.



Barbara

GREAT KEPPEL ISLAND

Australia Day Weekend 2014

As usual, the annual trip to GKI for the Australia Day weekend proved very popular with club members. More so this year, as the Resort is for sale and this might be the last opportunity to enjoy such a beautiful spot. It also proved to be a close run thing with the weather as the onset of Cyclone Dylan was starting to have an impact on the region and the seas. Little did we know at the time what havoc the weather would cause to GKI and the Capricorn Coast in the coming weeks.

On our first full day's walk (Saturday) we decided to revisit Big Peninsula which is quite a thrilling walk as it takes you up the cliff side along the top to the cairn and then down to the peninsula itself with much of the ground covered with remnants of old goats droppings although there were no signs of goats on that day. We then found our way down to Wreck Beach where a swim in the ocean was very much the order of the day. It was hot.

Sunday saw the group strike out across country to explore a nearby creek system and what a confusing system it was but it was a new area for us and very pleasant to walk through and to sit and enjoy smoko. That night, Lyndie brought along a couple of guitars and she and Margo serenaded the group well into the evening. By now, the wind and the rain had started to show their presence and by the time we arrived at Fisherman's Beach the next day to catch our ferry. The sea could only be described as roiling.

As always, it was a wonderful weekend in a very beautiful place.



What a hot day!

Cheryl

COOLWATERS RESORT

9 February

It was meant to be a fun day at the Coolwaters Resort with a multitude of activities on offer including a very pretty walk through the surrounding bushland. Mother Nature had different plans and we woke to a very grey and rainy outlook. Most people would have put their heads back under the sheets but not the 10 hardy bushwalkers from both Rockhampton and the Coast who joined Liz Carter for her Sunday morning walk.



And walk, we did, through the maze of tracks, in the gentle drizzle getting pretty well soaked but enjoying the sites all the same. Pauline stopped to have a "swing in the rain" at Magic Mountain and we explored further into the bush and came across an outdoor chapel where local weddings can be held.

After following the bushland tracks for an hour or so, we succumbed to the rain and the mosquitoes and, forgetting any ideas of swimming, kayaking or the like, we retreated to Liz's abode where she provided very welcome coffees all round together with a good supply of the dreaded Tim Tams. It was very much appreciated. A special award must go to the Rocky people who made the trip despite the weather.

Cheryl

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/...../.....
--	--	-------------------

Please post your completed membership form, with membership fee, to:

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

(To pay direct: BSB 064-710 [C'wealth], Account No 00917137, your family name as reference)



SCHEDULE TO END AUGUST 2014 AT A GLANCE

Days	Dates	Activity	MO	Contact	Phone	Type
Sun	6 April	The Badger - gracemoonster@gmail.com	√	Mary	04 22 036 449	D/W, H, C, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
Sun	13 April	Capricorn Coast Walk	√	Deborah	04 21 850 568	H/D, T/W, M, B, 1, 2, 4
Fri – Mon	18 – 21 April	Easter – Blackdown Tableland Base Camp	√	Glyn	4927 5972	B/C, M, B, 2, 4, 6
Sun	27 April	Mt Dovecott	√	Merridy	04 18 114 512	H/W, N/F, E/M, B, 2, 4
Sun	May	Larapinta Trail, NT zilziebeach@bigpond.com	√	Cheryl	4938 7375	X/T, M/O, H, X
Sun	4 May	Belgamba		Ian	4938 1818	D/W, E/M, B, 1, 2, 6
Sat/Sun	10/11 May	Upper Stoney Ck, Byfield ronh227@hotmail.com		Ron	04 27 397 805	H/W, B/C, M, B, 4, 6
Sat	17 May	Koongal ccampb12@gmail.com		Carol	04 00 195 405	H/W, SOC, E, A, 2, 6
Sun	25 May	Capricorn Coast	√	Debbie	4938 3924	H/W, E, B, 1
Sun	1 June	Byfield around Upper Stoney Creek		Dave	4939 4916 04 07 131 089	D/W, M, B, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6
Fri - Mon	6 – 9 June	CCCampout hosted by Gladstone Club at Calliope	√			Organised Walks
Sun	15 June	Mt Archer National Park zilziebeach@bigpond.com	√	Cheryl	4938 7375	D/W, T/W, N/F, H, B, 2, 5
Sat/Sun	21/22 June	Farnborough Road, Woodbury/Farnborough Beach ronh227@hotmail.com	√	Ron	04 27 397 805	SOC, H/W, B/C, E/M, B
Sun	29 June	Hibiscus Creek	√	John	4939 8576	D/W, M, B, 2, 4, 6
Sun	6 July	Mt Barmoya – Capricorn Coast	√	Dave	4939 4916 04 07 131 089	H/W, M, B, 2, 4, 5, 7
Sun	13 July	Capricorn Coast zilziebeach@bigpond.com		Cheryl	4938 7375	H/W, T/W, E, C, 1
Sat	19 July	Visit Alpaca Farm		Maxine	4928 3212	SOC
Sun	20 July	General Meeting	√	John	4939 8576	Meeting
Sun	27 July	Mt Hedlow and Hedlow Ck ronh227@hotmail.com		Ron	04 27 397 805	SOC, H/W, E/M, A, 7
Sat/Sun	2/3 Aug	Windah Crossing on Fitzroy River, Thirsty Creek Road, Gogango		David/Robyn	4939 2669 04 27 277 400	B/C, T/W, N/F, O/N, M, B, 2, 4
Sun	10 Aug	Mt Maryvale		John	4939 8576	D/W, M, B, 2, 4
Sun	17 Aug	AGM	√	John	4939 8576	AGM
Sun	24 Aug	Mt Archer ccampb12@gmail.com		Carol	04 00 195 405	SOC, H/W, E, A, 2, 6
Sun	31 Aug	Mt Cabbage Tree		Kathy	04 00 292 248	D/W, H, B, 2, 3, 4, 7
Sat – Sun	23 - 31 Aug	Mornington Peninsula - 100 km Walk CLOSED	√	Cheryl	4938 7375	X/T, M/O, H, X
Sat/Sun	18/19 Oct	North Keppel Island zilziebeach@bigpond.com	√	Cheryl	4938 7375	E/M, A, 1, 2, 3
Fri	31 Oct	Ghost Walk		Maxine	4938 3212	SOC

MO - Members Only

Club's website: <http://capricornia.bwq.org.au/>