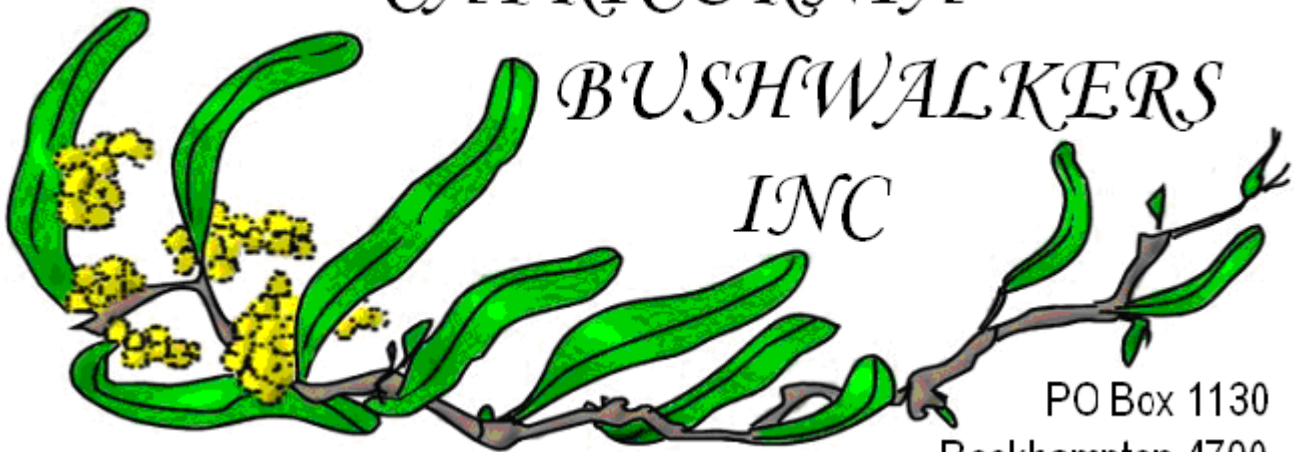


# CAPRICORNIA

## BUSHWALKERS

INC



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No: 121

### NEWSLETTER

March 2011

Days	Dates	Nominate By	Fitness Level	Location/Purpose	Members Only	Contact	Phone No
Sat - Mon	30Apr - 2May	9 Apr	EH	CCC at Gladstone	Y	Cheryl	4938 7375 0437932767
Sat - Sun	7 - 8 May	ASAP	M	Cania Gorge	Y	Cheryl	4938 7375 0437932767
Sat	14 May	ASAP	E	Fitzroy River Cruise		Carol	0400195405
Sun	15 May		EM	Hedlow Creek		Dot	0429397393
Sun	22 May		EM	Johannsen's Cave		Pauline	4926 1131
Sun	29 May		HM	Byfield		Darryl	4926 1160
Sun	5 Jun		H	General Meeting		Mary	4938 7467
Sat - Mon	11 - 13 Jun	6 Jun	M	Boyne Valley		Darryl	4926 1160
Sun	19 Jun		E	Brown's Lookout		Dot	0429397393
Sun	26 Jun	18 Jun	E	Canoeing		Cheryl	4938 7375 0437932767
Sat - Sun	2 - 3 Jul		E	Archer's Plaque		Ian	4938 1818
Sun	10 Jul		H	Cabbage Tree Hill		Alan	4922 4935
Sun	17 Jul		EM	Canooka		Pauline	4926 1131
Sat	23 Jul	16 Jul	E	Gateball		Maxine	4928 3212
Sun	31 Jul		E	Beach Walk		Cheryl	4938 7375 0437932767
Fri - Mon	5 - 8 Aug		M	Isla Gorge	Y	Pauline	4926 1131
Sat - Fri	20 - 26 Aug	6 Aug	H	Bartle Frere	Y	Darryl	0422257345
Week	September	ASAP		Kangaroo Island	Y	Cheryl	49387375 0437932767

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Membership fees due 1 January.

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Membership ends 2 March the following year.

## From the Editor:

- The Capricorn Bushwalkers Inc. newsletter has again kindly been printed free of charge by the office of Kirsten Livermore MP – Capricornia. We are grateful for this service and hope her patronage will continue.
- The Website: <http://www.cqbushwalkers.110mb.com> has Information for Beginners, walk photos, information and forms for leaders, previous walks, Club Rules, **most of the newsletters**, membership and incident (accident) forms, links to weather warnings, tide times, recent fire information, frequently asked questions, results of tests with equipment, BWQ blog, and other clubs. Just follow the links.
- If you are a new member, or have recently changed your email address and want to be kept informed of changes to the walk schedule, email the editor at [capbushwalkers@gmail.com](mailto:capbushwalkers@gmail.com). I recommend you sign up for a free hotmail, yahoo, gmail address. It is portable through any service provider anywhere in the world, & usually offers greater capacity than that of your service provider.
- Please send **walk reports** for the next newsletter to [capbushwalkers@gmail.com](mailto:capbushwalkers@gmail.com), as an attachment. If you do not have email access, please post them to **The Editor, Capricornia Bushwalkers INC, PO Box 1130, Rockhampton 4700**, or contact the editor directly. If possible, use Microsoft Word to write the articles and improve the appearance by using **Insert** to include pictures **From File**. Compress the size of the pictures by: **Right click** on a picture in article; choose **Format Picture**; click on the **Compress** button; Select **All Pictures in Document**; and change Resolution to **Print**. Click on **OK, OK**. This makes the file smaller to Email.
- **Cut off date for articles for the next newsletter is one week after General Meeting.**
- **Leaders' Reports** should go to the PO Box for our Records Officer.
- Remember that we have **thankyou cards** available for walk leaders to use as they feel appropriate-access to land or appreciation for other assistance. Contact the Secretary if you need one for your walk.
- **Photos:** Email your photos directly to the sharing site linked to the Gmail address above. Contact me by E-mail if you want information on how to do it and if you want me to add subtitles to the photos.
- **Organise walks** by going to the club's website and either download "**Walk Details**" form or obtain one from the Secretary, complete, and either email it to the Editor, or take it to the next **General Meeting** for approval. **E-mail** is the preferred option. They are due one week after the **General Meeting**. Email or ring our Secretary before doing a pre-walk to make available **insurance cover** for it.

## WALK LEGEND

### TYPE OF WALK

<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>TRN</b> Training
		<b>SOC</b> Social

### WALK GRADING

Fitness Level	Distance	Terrain (Select 2 or 3)
<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. 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>Alt/s</b> is the approximate chance in height to walk	<b>X</b> Over 20 km	<b>5</b> Medium or Heavy Vegetation
		<b>6</b> Creeks/Rock Hopping
		<b>7</b> Steep Scrambles



**Date:** 5 June  
**Type:** General Meeting usually starts 2pm  
**Description:** We vote on proposed changes to the Constitution and By-Laws at this meeting and it important that you come along and have your say.  
Planning for the next walks schedule will be finalised and your proposals and leadership will be welcome. Tea, coffee, and biscuits provided.

**Location:** Capricorn Conservation Hut  
**Contact:** Mary 4938 7467

**Date:** 11 - 13 June  
**Type:** B/C AWD N/F D/W H/W  
E H A B 2 4 7  
**Alt/s:** 300 m  
50 m  
**Description:** We leave Saturday morning and drive to Bulburin National Park where we camp for two nights. Bring a good torch for an afternoon/night walk.  
On Sunday, we use a car shuffle to follow the Boyne River and gorge to look at the abandoned Mt Jacob mine and machinery. About 7 hours walk.  
We pack up early on Monday to drive to the abandoned township of Glassford for a couple of easy walk to see what is left of the township, mines, furnaces, etc, and Chinese Gardens. AWD/FWD is needed for this part of the trip.  
Please make your own arrangements to pay camping fees to National Parks.

**Location:** Boyne Valley  
**Contact:** Darryl 4926 1160

**Approx drive dist (km):** 420

**Date:** 19 June  
**Type:** H/W E A 2 4 7  
**Description:** This is an easy walk out near Woodbury suitable for beginners.  
**Approx drive dist (km):** 60

**Location:** Browns Lookout  
**Contact:** Dot 0429397393

**Date:** 25 June  
**Type:** SOC  
**Description:** If you'd like to try out a kayak or canoe, join us for an afternoon on the Fitzroy River. Experienced kayakers will lead an exploration of the nearby Lion Creek. Numbers may be limited so nominate early.  
Those not interested in kayaking or canoeing, might like to join the group for a bbq afterwards.

**Location:** Fitzroy Canoe Club  
**Contact:** Cheryl 49387375 or 0437932767

**Date:** 3 July  
**Type:** D/W E B 2  
**Description:** This will be a walk to Archer's Plaque, which I don't think the club has been to since Donny Macdonald was alive. It will be a fairly easy walk starting from Belgamba and heading west along the Razorback Range to Archer's Plaque which was installed to commemorate the arrival of the Archer Brothers in the district when they looked out over the Fitzroy plains and decided to settle at Gracemere.  
There may be an opportunity to camp at Belgamba the previous evening if the ground has dried out from the rains. This would provide a chance to do a shorter walk on the Saturday afternoon.

**Location:** Belgamba to Archer's Plaque  
**Contact:** Ian Herbert 4938 1818

**Approx drive dist (km):** 70

**Date:** 10 July  
**Type:** D/W H C 2 3 4 7  
**Description:** We start from New Zealand Gully and follow the ridges around to Cabbage Tree Hill and return via a different route. There are good views from the top of the hill and, as the name suggests, you see many palm trees.

**Location:** Cabbage Tree Hill  
**Contact:** Alan 4922 4935

**Approx drive dist (km):** 54

**Date:** 17 July  
**Type:** D/W E A 2 4  
**Description:** A walk through the (hopefully) flowering wattle. The walk does a circuit up a series of small peaks, then along a dry creek bed, and back to the starting point.  
**Approx drive dist (km):** 90

**Location:** Canoona  
**Contact:** Pauline 4926 1131

**Date:** 23 July  
**Type:** SOC  
**Description:** Bring your friends along and enjoy a game of Gateball at the Croquet Club in Ward Street. Tea, coffee, softdrink is available for sale or BYO. Cost is approximately \$10:00/person.

**Location:** Croquet Club  
**Contact:** Maxine 4928 3212

**Alt/s:**

**Date:** 31 July  
**Type:** H/W T/W E C 2.  
**Description:** This afternoon walk will start from Capricorn Rydges and see us walk up to Sandy Point where the very low tide will allow us to explore Fishing Creek and its immediate surrounds.

**Location:** Farnborough to Fishing Creek.  
**Contact:** Cheryl 49387375 or 0437932767

**Alt/s:**

**Approx drive dist (km):** 100

**Date:** 5 - 8 August  
**Type:** B/C M B 2 7  
**Description:** Drive up Friday lunch time (or evening for workers). Camp at QPWS campsite. Some exploration near the campsite Friday afternoon. Two separate trips into the gorge Saturday and Sunday. Explore the creeks, cliffs, tunnels, aboriginal art, and wildflowers along the way. It's beautiful sandstone country. Drive home Monday. (or Sunday night if you have to).

**Location:** Isla Gorge  
**Contact:** Pauline 4926 1131

**Alt/s:** 400m

**Approx drive dist (km):** 500

**Date:** 20 – 26 August  
**Type:** B/C D/W H/W N/F X/T  
**Description:** We can either camp overnight near the 3 km mark of this testing 7.5 km walk to the top of Mt Bartle Frere and do the walk up to the top and/or Broken Nose over the next few days or, camp near the top above the clouds and spend time close to heaven or the other place depending on the weather. Expect temperatures of 16 degrees below surroundings. There are a couple of other interesting shorter walks in the rainforest which we could do as well. While up there I suggest you visit the crater lakes on the Tablelands, Chilligoe and caves, beaches north of Cairns, Daintree area, The Boulders, tropical islands etc. As it is unsafe to climb the last ½ km of this walk if the moss covered granite boulders are damp, wet weather alternatives are on offer around Townsville.

**Location:** Bartle Frere  
**Contact:** Darryl SMS 04222 57345

**Alt/s:**

H C 1 6 7

**Approx drive dist (km):** 2020

**Date:** September Week Away  
**Type:** X/T  
**Description:** Expressions of interest are being called from members who would be interested in a proposed trip to Kangaroo Island in early September. Details re accommodation, walks schedule are still in the early planning stage but it would be nice to get some idea of possible numbers before we go much further.

**Location:** Kangaroo Island  
**Contact:** Cheryl 49387375 0437932767

**Alt/s:**

### Mid-year mid-week pre-walks

John Rideout and Dave Larkin want to explore possible suitable areas that could be included on future walk schedules. These pre-walks, with different degrees of difficulty, can have other interested members participate, and will be offered as circumstances and weather allow. Details will be provided close to the proposed date. They are generally intended to happen during the week, rather than at weekends. If you might be interested in participating, please send an email to John at [jr.1234@internode.on.net](mailto:jr.1234@internode.on.net) to register your interest, and you will then be advised directly (using a bcc email) of details when any of these pre-walks are planned.

## WALK REPORTS

### Lord Howe island Trip: September, 2010.

### Mt Lidgbird

I had only ever seen Lord Howe Island on a picture postcard. It looked magical. On drawing close to Lord Howe, the pilot of our plane circled the island giving the passengers a wonderful bird's eye view. From up there, it looked magical.

Being driven to our accommodation at the far end of the island along a road from which we had panoramic ocean views it all looked magical.

Group at Kim's Lookout



The towering shapes of Mt Lidgbird and Mt Gower dominate the landscape of the tiny island. Part of the week's program was to climb the aforementioned and somewhat ominous looking Mt Gower. We all noticed that there only seemed to be one very steep ridge line that might be possible to climb. "Do we really go up that way?"

In preparation for our ascent of Mt Gower, our first foray as a group was up the neighbouring

Mt Lidgbird to a spot called the Goathouse Cave from where we gained stunning views back along the island.



Monday dawned bleak and drizzly. Not a good day to go scaling impossible looking ridges but venture forth we did and joined a 16 strong group of fellow tourists. Our guide for the day was Jack Shick, a 5<sup>th</sup> generation islander who set off the track at a pretty swift pace. Our aim was to climb 800+ m and return before dark.

Suffice to say that it proved to be a long, wet, slippery climb with two members of the group opting out to enjoy the view and perhaps a longer life at the 500m mark whilst the rest took a big breath, and continued up the very steep, rope-assisted ascent to the summit.

Having conquered Mt Gower, the rest of the week was dedicated to less death defying activities. There were many other walks on the island that provided the walker with some magnificent views.



The real highlight of Lord Howe was the bird population. We had arrived there just prior to breeding season so there were thousands of birds arriving on the nearby islands to prepare their nesting sites.

A huge swell greeted us on the day we set out to sea to have a look at Ball's Pyramid. Despite the swell and the ensuing lack of sea legs, it proved to be yet another opportunity to see the bird life with a Wandering Albatross providing the photo opportunity of the day. However, my favourite bird was the little Golden Whistler which accompanied us on our hike through the pandanus forest.

The island is set up for cyclists and for \$48 for the week, we had individual transport. It was a wonderful way to tour the island from one end to the other. Not to mention a quick and ready means of getting to the nearby popular coffee stop and local restaurants.

Debbie proved to be a dab hand at catching fish and while some members snorkelled and others cycled, she set out with Jack Shick again and managed the haul of the day. Fortunately for us, she generously donated one of the fish for a bbq that evening. It was delicious. Unfortunately for Debbie, she fell asleep from exhaustion and all but missed the main course.

My initial concern was that we would not have enough to do on the island but that was not the case. Of the seven members visiting the island that week, there was not one who hopped back on the plane without a great deal of reluctance and with many a promise to return again. It was just magic.

Cheryl Gargan

### **Mt Sleipner 6 March**

Mt Sleipner – a familiar walk for some, a sleeping giant for others. Six club members, including 2 newbies, took the walk up the mountain on Sunday – and what a variety of experiences they had! Darryl strode up the hill like Gigantor in boxers; Pauline powered along like Mighty Mouse; Gerry sauntered like a nonchalant Zorro; Glen high powered intermittently with snoozing (rather like a Wiggle!). Of the two newbies, only young Phillip found the walk easy. His long legs and fit youthfulness kept him jogging along with Darryl beautifully. That left only me – the other newbie – the only one who struggled. And did I struggle! Going up was ok, but oh, those rolling stones, hidden logs, slippery rocks and cycads in the face! How do you people hike those Archer hills with such reckless abandon? I came home feeling like a sailor who'd lost her sea legs, and today, I can barely walk!

Still, what an inspiration! I want to be as fit as Darryl and Pauline when I retire too! I guess I'll have to do Mt Dick next weekend – got to get those sea legs back! Besides, if it rains, I might get to see the bouncing bushwalkers crossing the creek in their undies **again** – and won't that be a delight!

See you all next weekend.

Michelle

12 people gathered for a leisurely stroll down the length of Frenchman's Creek, as it winds its way through suburban Rockhampton.



We started at Frenchville Road near Pilbean Drive. We completed the first few kilometres along the Vince Lester Walkway. We then headed into the creek for a short section. It was good to see the larger waterholes full of clean water.

On some sections the terrain was rough and slippery, while other sections had been mowed by the adjacent home owners making the walking easy and faster. Prior to crossing Kerrigan Street we had our first rest stop on a freshly mowed piece of grass. Proceeding south we walked through more open parkland and had another break in the shade.

As we got closer to Lakes Creek Road the terrain became boggier, due to the tidal variations. But, before we knew it, we saw the bridge on Lakes Creek Road. From there, we walked to the waiting cars in Thozet Street. The walk took three hours in total.

Carol



# You'll Be In Seventh Heaven In 2011 Combined Clubs Camp Ubobo



*As Hosts of this year's Combined Clubs Camp, the Gladstone District Bushwalkers invite Capricornia, Bundaberg and Maryborough members, to join us for a few days of great walking & fellowship*

This year's camp is held at the Boyne Valley Community Discovery Centre, Ubobo. Unfortunately, camping is not available at this venue on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April. Free camping at Boynedale or Futter Creek campsites is available if required. (See Map & Directions for further details)  
If preferred, in lieu of camping, a 36 bed bunkhouse is available at the Discovery Centre.  
Please bring own linen / pillow / blanket or sleeping bag etc. Cooking facilities are available, but bring own esky or camp fridge (power points available in Bunkhouse).

When: From 9am Saturday 30th April to Monday 2nd May 2011 (May Day Long Weekend)  
Where: Boyne Valley Community Discovery Centre – UBOBO [Discovery Centre Website Link](#)  
Cost: \$35 per person covers 2 nights Camping, Saturday Night Supper & Sunday Night Dinner.  
\$55 per person covers 2 nights Bunkhouse Accommodation, Saturday Night Supper & Sunday Night Dinner.

- *Capricornia Bushwalkers members, please register & pay full amount to Cheryl by 9 April 2011*
- *All participants must be financial members of a BWQ affiliated Club.*

Inquiries: Lena ph: 49790944 / Fay ph: 49757484 email: <mailto:calliopeccc2011@gmail.com>

- A full weekend of bushwalks, catering for all levels of fitness, starting with half-day walks from 11:30am on Saturday, full day walks on Sunday & more half-day walks on Monday morning.
- *Members opting to participate in the Mystery Creek Walk on Saturday & Monday, will require sandshoes/runners, as this walk may involve substantial walking in water along the creek bed.*
- BYO Happy Hour 5pm daily. You will need your own chairs/table if possible. *Gladstone Club to supply nibblies.*
- Bottomless Tea & Coffee at the Shelter Shed, which provides a large undercover area.
- Grassed, un-powered campsites around the Sports Ground.
- Hot showers, flush toilets & tank water for drinking.
- Gas BBQ's at the Shelter Shed.
- Supper provided by Gladstone Club on Saturday evening.
- Sit-down Dinner will be provided at 6.30pm on Sunday evening.
- After Dinner on Sunday, we will hand-over the Wolca Stick, & then invite clubs to participate in some combined entertainment, organised by the Gladstone Committee.
- Raffles and Lucky Door Prize Draw will be held Sunday evening.
- Ubobo General Store will open all weekend 8am - 5pm for supplies & fuel if required.
- Public Phone Box available at Ubobo Store, as no Mobile Phone coverage available.

*Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2011 (Half Day)*

<u>Venue</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Farm Visit	Sight-seeing	Very Easy
Mystery Creek	Bushwalk	Easy
Bindawalla Gorge	Bushwalk	Easy
Ridler Creek	Bushwalk	Easy
Deep Creek Gorge	Bushwalk	Medium
Blackman's Gap Creek	Bushwalk	Medium

*Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2011 (All Day)*

<u>Venue</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Coppermine Creek	History	Easy
Calliope Loop Track	Bushwalk	Medium
Forestry Road	Bushwalk	Medium
Futter Creek	Bushwalk	Medium
Coppermine Creek Mines	Bushwalk	Medium/Hard
Little Glassford Creek Gorge	Bushwalk	Hard
Mt Jacob Mine	Bushwalk	Hard

*Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2011 (Half Day)*

<u>Venue</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Museum & Devonshire Tea	History	Easy
Mystery Creek	Bushwalk	Easy
Bindawalla Gorge	Bushwalk	Easy
Ridler Creek	Bushwalk	Easy
Deep Creek Gorge	Bushwalk	Medium
Blackman's Gap Creek	Bushwalk	Medium