



Club Email: capbushwalkers@gmail.com

Club Website: <https://capricorniabushwalkers.org/>

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See page 6 for the September to December 2026 Walk summary.



Upper Stony Creek – Byfield — CQ

President:	Kevin Cullen	0487 655 892
Secretary:	Judy Milner	0421 208 049
Treasurer:	Janine Kenealy	0418 372 465
Committee:	Anna Mainey, Meg Gray, Jodie Thompson, Greer Burgess and Lindsay Hensel	
Safety and Training:	Vacant	
Newsletter Editor:	Kevin Cullen	
Social Media Editor:	Anna Mainey	
Detailed Walk Schedule:	September to December – 2026	

NOTES TO ALL WALK LEADERS:

- ❖ Required walk forms and materials are to be obtained from the club website www.capricorniabushwalkers.org
- ❖ The club has 2 Personal Locator Beacons (PLB's) for emergency use on any bushwalks. The location and custodians of the PLB's are:
 - Anna Mainey – 0408 218 423 Rockhampton
 - Kevin Cullen – 0487 655 892 Rockhampton
- ❖ Walk Leaders collecting the PLB's are responsible for completing the form with either Anna or Kevin.
- ❖ Leaders are to ensure they don't leave without carrying a PLB, regardless of mobile phone coverage.
- ❖ **Walk descriptions** are to be submitted via email to The Secretary – capbushwalkers@gmail.com
- ❖ **Newsletter** walk reports are to be completed (Microsoft Word) promptly after each walk and emailed to Kevin Cullen – kevin.cullen12@gmail.com
- ❖ **Facebook** page material, walk photos and a brief overview to be sent to Anna Mainey – 0408 218 423
- ❖ All completed Attendance Sheets to be forwarded to Judy Milner – judymilner3@bigpond.com

NOTE TO ALL CLUB MEMBERS:

- ❖ Proposed walks can be nominated as soon as you see the email advising the date of the next general committee meeting, especially if they are overnight, basecamp or multi day walks.
- ❖ Being a financial member of the club provides you with Public Liability and Personal Accident Insurance cover. Public Liability is limited to \$20,000,000 and Personal Accident Insurance only covers members 18 to 95 years old, inclusive.
- ❖ The Club will subsidise half of the cost of an Accredited First Aid Course in the financial year to members provided they meet the eligibility criteria on completion of, and forwarding a copy of their Certificate of Achievement and Receipt to the management committee.
 - Subsidy eligibility criteria is covered in the Club Rules & By-Laws.
- ❖ Ensure contact details are current, and updates sent via email to the Secretary – capbushwalkers@gmail.com
- ❖ You want to build your skills and confidence as a walk leader. Please reach out to a committee member or an experienced walk leader and become an understudy.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM GUIDELINE:**Option 1 – (Preferred)**

- ❖ Complete, Sign, Scan and email the form to the Treasurer – capbushwalkers@gmail.com

Option 2

- ❖ Contact the Treasurer for alternate advice as required.

MEMBERSHIP PAYMENT GUIDELINE:

Option 1 – (Preferred)

- ❖ Internet Direct debit: **Westpac Bank – Account Name:** Capricornia Bushwalkers, **BSB:** 034-636, **Acct #:** 388472 –
REFERENCE: Your family name reference and use your own reference number and email this number to the club email address.

Option 2

- ❖ Complete, your method of payment and deposit your club membership using the account details above at your nearest Westpac Bank outlet.

Capricornia Bushwalkers Inc. – Membership / Renewal Application	
I wish to apply for / renew my membership. (New memberships will be provisional, until approved by the next general meeting)	☐ Renewal ☐ New (Tick one box)
Type of membership.	☐ Single ☐ Family (2 Adults + children) ☐ Life member
Membership Fee.	☐ \$30 single ☐ \$50 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. 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 emergencies.	Given Name: (s)
	Family Name:
	Residential Address: Postcode:
	Mailing Address: Postcode:
Family membership: Please list below the names of all other people to be covered by the membership:	Phone: Mobile: Other: Email Address:
Please email your completed membership form to capbushwalkers@gmail.com or contact the Secretary for other options. Pay direct: WESTPAC: Acct Name: Capricornia Bushwalkers, BSB: 034-636, Acct N° 388472, Reference: Family Name. Insurance: The club has Public Liability (up to \$20,000,000) and Personal Accident Insurance cover; details available from the club secretary. The cost of insurance is included in the membership fee. Acknowledgement of Risks and Obligations: 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 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. I further agree to observe the Club Rules and By-Laws which is available on the club website.	
Signature (s): Single or 1 st Adult Family Member 2 nd Adult Family Member	Date: / /

PROGRAM DETAILS:

Closing date for nominations for walks and social events is at least 2 days prior to the event.

If you require transport, please nominate well in advance.

If you're travelling with someone else, then it is courteous to share travel costs as per the car-pooling payment guideline.

WALK TYPE GUIDELINE:

MO	Members Only	TW	Through Walk or Car Shuttle	4WD	4 Wheel Drive
DW	Day Walk	ON	Overnighter	SOC	Social
HW	Half Day Walk	NF	No Facilities – Water, Showers or Toilets	TRN	Training
BC	Base Camp	XT	Extended trip		

WALK GRADING GUIDELINE:

Fitness		Distance		Terrain	
E	Easy – Suitable for beginners.	A	Less than 5kms	1	Graded Track Trail
M	Moderate – Reasonable fitness level.	B	5 to 10kms	2	Cross Country Off Track
H	Hard – High fitness level only.	C	10 to 15kms	3	Not pre-walked
		L	15 to 20kms	4	Minor Scrub
Altitude Sections		X	20kms and over	5	Medium to Heavy Vegetation
ALT	Approximate change in height			6	Creeks Rock Hopping
				7	Steep Scrambles

CAR POOLING PAYMENT GUIDELINE:

The values were adopted as being fair and equitable, however, that remains at the discretion of the driver.

0 – 20kms	\$5.00
20 – 50kms	\$10.00
50 – 100kms	\$15.00
100 – 200kms	\$25.00
200 – 250kms	\$30.00
250 – 300kms	\$35.00

WALKS SUMMARY – SEPTEMBER to NOVEMBER 2026 – DETAILS OF WALK TYPE IN THE SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Walk Name</u>	<u>Walk Leader</u>	<u>Contact</u>
06/09/2026	Johannsen's / Mt Etna Caves	Russell Thompson	0458 025 123
11-20/09/2026	Coogee – Manly Sydney Harbour National Park	Anna Mainey	0408 218 423
13/09/2026	Emu Park Beach Walk	Barb Snelling	0419 769 899
20/09/2026	Vacant		
27/09/2026	Vacant		
03-05/10/2026	Bunya Mountains National Park	Lindsay Hensel Anna Mainey	0478 637 954 0408 218 423
11/10/2026	Walk for Wellness – Yeppoon Register by clicking The Wellness Hub – Yeppoon FB Page link.	5th Annual Walk for Wellbeing Facebook	
18/10/2026	Vacant		
23-25/10/2026	Blackdown Tablelands National Park	Lindsay Hensel Anna Mainey	0478 637 954 0408 218 423
01/11/2026	Botanic Gardens Walk	Janine Kenealy	0418 372 465
08/11/2026	General Meeting 9am @ Daniel Park, Matthew Flinders Drive Coogee Bay.	Kevin Cullen	0487 655 892
15/11/2026	Moore's Creek Wander	Janine Kenealy	0418 372 465
22/11/2026	Vacant		
29/11/2026	Christmas EOY Celebration 9am Breakfast BBQ South End Kemp Beach Low tide 0630am – High Tide 1245pm	Judy Milner	0421 208 049

Day & Date: Sunday – 06/09/2026
Walk Name: Johanssen's / Mt Etna Caves
Walk Type & Grading: H/W, E, A, 1, 2, 4, 7.
Walk Leader & Contact #: **Russell Thompson** – 0458 025 123
Nomination required by: Thursday – 16/09/2026.
Numbers to Participate: 8 – **Preference will be given to people that haven't done the caving trip before.**
Walk Activity Summary: These amazing limestone caves are situated approx. 26kms from Rockhampton. Johansen's cave is only open for a limited period during the year to help protect the vulnerable ghost bats that roost there. The caves are also home to 80% of Australia's bent-wing bats. The walk will start at Johansen's and depending on the groups abilities we will venture to Mt Etna for some challenging caving. Time permitting, we will enjoy lunch at The Caves pub afterwards.

Day & Date: Sunday – 13/09/2026
Walk Name: Emu Park Beach Walk.
Walk Type & Grading: HW, E, C, 1
Walk Leader & Contact #: **Barb Snelling** – 0419 769 899
Nomination required by: Thursday – 10/09/2026
Numbers to Participate: No cap on numbers.
Walk Activity Summary: This morning circuit walk takes in both Fisherman's Beach, the Haven Beach, some sandy tracks and Emu Park high points from which to take in some breathtaking island and rural views.

Day & Date: Sunday – 20/09/2026
Walk Name: Vacant.
Walk Type & Grading:
Walk Leader & Contact #: Please submit you walk to The Secretary – capbushwalkers@gmail.com
Nomination required by: Thursday – 17/09/2026
Numbers to Participate: TBC
Walk Activity Summary: TBC

Day & Date: Sunday – 27/09/2025
Walk Name: Vacant
Walk Type & Grading:
Walk Leader & Contact #: Please submit you walk to The Secretary – capbushwalkers@gmail.com
Nomination required by: Thursday – 24/09/2026
Numbers to Participate: TBC.
Walk Activity Summary: TBC.

Day & Date: Friday to Monday – 03 - 05/10/2026 – King Birthday Weekend
Walk Name: Bunya Mountains National Park
Walk Type & Grading: MO, BC, E/M
Walk Leader & Contact #: **Anna Mainey** – 0408 218 423 – annamainey@hotmail.com
Nomination required by: Monday – 25/09/2026
Numbers to Participate: No cap on numbers.
Walk Activity Summary: The Bunya Mountains feature the world's largest stand of Bunya Pines and 35 km of walking tracks through diverse landscapes, including rainforest, vine scrub, eucalypt forest, and grassland. With abundant wildlife, creeks, waterfalls, and a campground offering hot showers, it's an ideal spot for nature lovers and hikers.

 Rockhampton to Dandabah campground - 550km one way.

Day & Date: Sunday – 11/10/2026
Walk Name: Walk for Wellness - Yeppoon
Walk Type & Grading: H/D – E, C, 1
Walk Leader & Contact #: [5th Annual Walk for Wellbeing | Facebook](#)
Nomination required by: Register online by clicking the link above and select "Going".
Numbers to Participate: No cap on numbers.
Walk Activity Summary: This is open to the public conducted by Walk for Wellness – Yeppoon Hub for Mental Health Awareness. The walk starts at Farnborough Beach and finishes at Kemp Beach.

Day & Date: Sunday – 18/10/2026
Walk Name: Vacant
Walk Type & Grading:
Walk Leader & Contact #: Please submit you walk to The Secretary – capbushwalkers@gmail.com
Nomination required by: Thursday – 15/10/2026
Numbers to Participate: TBC.
Walk Activity Summary: TBC.

Day & Date: Friday to Sunday – 23-25/10/2026
Walk Name: Blackdown Tablelands National Park
Walk Type & Grading: MO, XT, BC, E-M, 1, 2, 4, 7 – Approx: 400Kms return trip to Rockhampton.
Walk Leader & Contact #: **Linsay Hensel** – 0478 637 954
Nomination required by: 05/10/2026.
Numbers to Participate: 18 Nominations only.
Walk Activity Summary: Blackdown Tablelands NP is a beautiful sandstone park on the edge of the Expedition Range. Walks on offer will include an afternoon walk on Friday, a full day off track along North Mimosa Creek, and finish with the trail walk to Gudoo Gudoo (Rainbow Falls) and the famous sandstone holes at the top of the falls on Sunday. Weather conditions may affect these plans.

Day & Date: Sunday – 01/11/2026
Walk Name: Rockhampton Botanic Gardens
Walk Type & Grading: SCO, HW, E, B, 1.
Walk Leader & Contact #: **Janine Kenealy** – 0418 372 465 – janinekenealy@gmail.com
Nomination required by: Thursday – 29/10/2026
Numbers to Participate: 20 Capped numbers.
Walk Activity Summary: With the warm weather now with us, a catch up with fellow club members for a morning “Walk, Talk and Smoko” at the Botanical Garden. A pleasant foray along Yeppen Lagoon, and through the gardens before morning tea at the Teahouse.

Day & Date: Sunday – 08/11/2026
Walk Name: General Meeting.
Walk Type & Grading: NA
Walk Leader & Contact #: **Kevin Cullen** – 0487 655 892 (Phone/Text) – capbushwalkers@gmail.com
Nomination required by: NA
Numbers to Participate: NA
Walk Activity Summary: 9am at Daniel Park, Matthew Flinders Drive, Cooe Bay.

Day & Date: Sunday – 15/11/2026
Walk Name: Moore’s Creek Wander.
Walk Type & Grading: H/W, T/W, E, B, 1
Walk Leader & Contact #: **Janine Kenealy** – 0418 372 465 – janinekenealy@gmail.com
Nomination required by: Thursday – 12/11/2026
Numbers to Participate: 20 Capped numbers
Walk Activity Summary: This is an easy walk on level ground. It follows Moore’s Creek downstream from Sunset Drive to Queens Park going from park to park along the way. This is a good walk for hot weather. A car shuttle is required

Day & Date: Sunday – 22/11/2026
Walk Name: Vacant.
Walk Type & Grading: .
Walk Leader & Contact #: Please submit you walk to The Secretary – capbushwalkers@gmail.com
Nomination required by: Thursday – 19/11/2026
Numbers to Participate: TBC
Walk Activity Summary: TBC

Day & Date: Sunday – 29/11/2026
Walk Name: End of Year Celebration – BBQ Area – Kemp Beach National Park
Walk Type & Grading: SCO, H/D, E.
Walk Leader & Contact #: **Judy Milner** – 0421 208 049
Nomination required by: **Monday – 23/11/2026** – To allow purchasing of food for the BBQ.
Numbers to Participate: No cap on numbers.
Walk Activity Summary: For this year, to escape the hotter part of the day, we are trying a morning end of year break-up BBQ at 9am with a circuit walk around Kemp Hill and Bluff Walk at a timing of your choice followed up with a beach swim.

FUTURE EVENTS & WALK NOMINATIONS

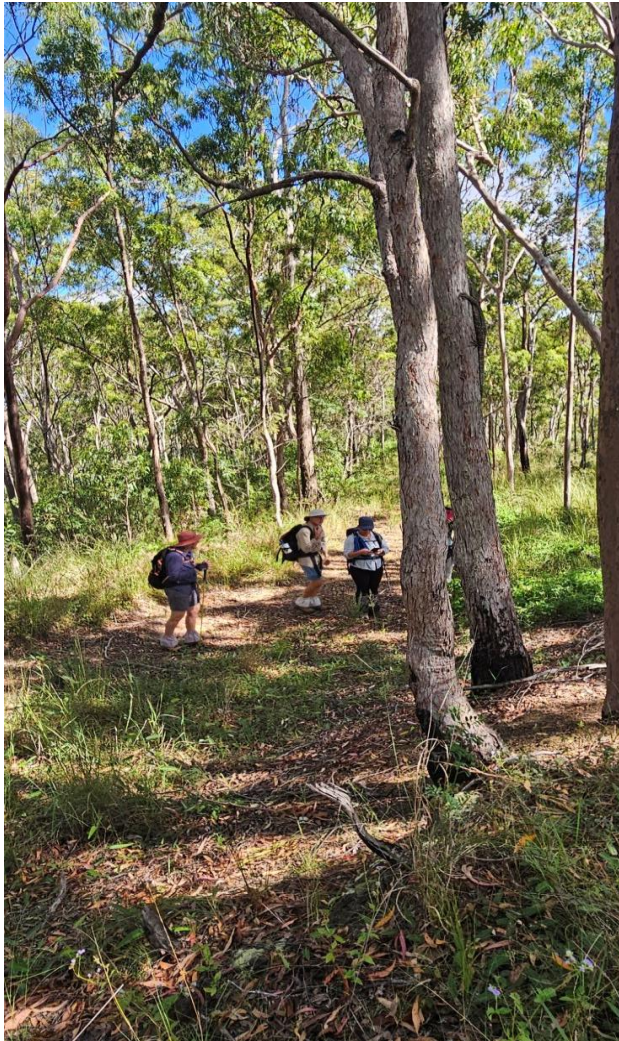
Day & Date:	Friday to Saturday 15-23/05/2027 (8N/9D)
Walk Name:	Ku Ku Mundi & Salvator Rosa National Parks
Walk Type & Grading:	MO, B/C, M, B, 1, 3, 5 and Alt 300Mtrs.
Walk Leader & Contact #:	Kevin Cullen – 0487 655 892
Nomination required by:	TBC
Numbers to Participate:	12 Nominations Only – 4x4 and Weather Dependent.
Walk Activity Summary:	Tagalong – Summary only, with the itinerary to be finalised by November.

Day & Date:	Thursday 11/06 – Sunday 14/06/2027 – Rockhampton Show Weekend
Walk Name:	Mt Stanley, Bulburin NP, Blackmans Gap Creek and Mt Colosseum
Walk Type & Grading:	MO, B/C, H, C, 2, 3, 5, 7 and Alt 742 & 495Mtrs.
Walk Leader & Contact #:	Kevin Cullen – 0487 655 892
Nomination required by:	10 Nominations Only
Numbers to Participate:	Members Only – Summary only, with the itinerary to be finalised by November
Walk Activity Summary:	Thursday 11 th – Travel to Miriam Vale Friday 12 th – Mt Stanley (742mtrs) – 6am Start. Saturday 13 th – Bulburin National Park and Blackmans Gap Creek Sunday 14 th – Mt Colosseum (495mtrs) – Travel home.

POST WALK SUMMARY REPORTS – Inclusive of Photos

A big call out to those leaders and members who planned and organised the following walks. **Well Done.**

For all our walks refer to our club Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/capricorniabushwalkers>

April – Bundaberg Easter at Ubobo – Leader – Howard Parker



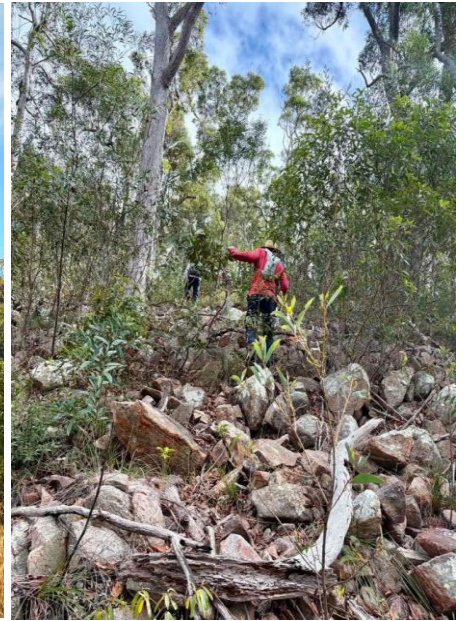
May – Mt Chappell and Grey Cliffs Walk – Leader – Kevin Cullen



June – Agnes Water / 1770 Trails – Leader – Anna Mainey



June – Mt Stanley – Leader – Frank Harkness (The Boss)



June – Canoona Wattle and Goldfields Walk – Leader – Kevin Cullen

