



Postal Address: Contact the Secretary for postal advice.

Club Email: capbushwalkers@gmail.com

Club Website: <http://capricornia.bwq.org.au/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/capricorniabushwalkers>



Cradle Mountain overlooking Lake Dove – Cradle Mountain National Park

President:	Kevin Cullen	0487 655 892
Secretary:	Greer Burgess	0488 408 775
Treasurer:	Janine Kenealy	0418 372 465
Committee:	Anna Mainey, Judy Milne, Jodie Thompson, Lindsay Hensel and Bill Sauer	
First Aid Coordinator:	Vacant	
Newsletter Editor:	Kevin Cullen	
Detailed Walk Schedule:	May to August – 2025	

NOTES TO ALL WALK LEADERS:

- ❖ Required walk forms and materials are to be obtained from the Club Website – <http://capricornia.bwq.org.au/>
- ❖ 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 Pauline or Anna.
- ❖ 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 Greer Burgess – rayngreer@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.
 - For Eligibility Criteria: See Club By-Laws on the Website - [Capricornia Bushwalkers home page](#)
- ❖ 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

- ❖ Complete, Sign and Post the form to:
Contact the Secretary for postal advice.

MEMBERSHIP PAYMENT GUIDELINE:

Option 1 – (Preferred)

- ❖ Internet Direct debit: **Westpac – 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 Application / Renewal	
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) <input type="checkbox"/> Life member
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. 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

Please EMAIL your completed membership form to capbushwalkers@gmail.com or post to:

Contact the Secretary for postal advice.

(Pay membership direct to: WESTPAC: BSB 034-636, Acct No 388472, your family name as reference)

Insurance: The Club has Public Liability (up to \$20,000,000) and Personal Accident Insurance covers; further details are 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 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.

I further agree to observe the Club's Rules and By-laws (copies available on the Club's website).

Signature(s): Single OR 1 st Adult Family member 2 nd Adult Family member	Date:/...../.....
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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

DETAILED WALKS SCHEDULE – May to August 2025

Day & Date: Saturday – 03/05/2025
Walk Name: Mt Larcom Mountain (Afternoon / Evening)
Walk Type & Grading: H/W, H, B, 1 & 7 and Alt 640mtrs.
Walk Leader & Contact #: **Kevin Cullen** – 0487 655 892
Walk Activity Summary: Afternoon / evening walk ascent up Mt Larcom Mountain.
 Please advise Kevin, PM Wednesday 30th.

Day & Date: Sunday – 11/05/2025
Walk Name: Mt Chappel and Mt Wiseman
Walk Type & Grading: DW, M-H, C, 2, 3, 4, & 7 and Alt 450mtrs
Walk Leader & Contact #: **Kevin Cullen** – 0487 655 892
Walk Activity Summary: Commence at Sunset Drive carpark ascending a ridge via a fire trail, following the ridgeline to Mt Chappel and Mt Wiseman then descending down an un-walked spur onto a fire trail returning via the Zamia Trail. There are beautiful views in all directions as you progress across the ridges.

Day & Date: Friday to Sunday – 16 – 18/05/2025
Walk Name: Combined Club Campout – Bundaberg Bushwalkers Club Inc
Walk Type & Grading: NA
Walk Leader & Contact #: **Kevin Cullen** – 0487 655 892 – kevin.cullen12@gmail.com
Walk Activity Summary: The CCC will be held at Gin Gin with camping accommodation available at the Gin Gin Showgrounds and a flyer has been sent to all club members.
Staying on till Monday 19th is an option open to all.

Day & Date: Sunday – 25/05/2025
Walk Name: Mt Dick
Walk Type & Grading: D/W, M/H, 2, 4, 5 – Alt: 509mtrs
Walk Leader & Contact #: **Cheryl Gargan** – 0477 156 656 will co-lead with **Greer Burgess**
Walk Activity Summary: Mt Dick is in the Berserker Ranges and a climb to the top (509m) provides panoramic views over the Rockhampton region including the mighty Fitzroy River. Bush bashing may be required dependent on the level of vegetation so a good level of fitness will be required.

Day & Date: Saturday to Sunday – 24/05 – 01/06/2025
Walk Name: K’Gari Island Walk (Fraser Island)
Walk Type & Grading: MO, M/H, XT, 1, 2, 3. – Approx: 800Kms return trip to Rockhampton
Walk Leader & Contact #: **Jodie Thompson** – 0437 334 781
Walk Activity Summary: The K’Gari Great Walk covers a distance of 90kms and takes walkers through a variety of terrain, from rain forests to crystal clear lakes and coloured sands. Walkers will need to be self-sufficient for 6 nights and 7 days and be prepared to walk distances between 7 to 18kms a day between campsites.

Planning to spend 2 nights, 24/05 and 31/05 in accommodation at Hervey Bay.

Day & Date: Sunday – 01/06/2025
Walk Name: TBA
Walk Type & Grading:
Walk Leader & Contact #: Please submit you walk to The Secretary – capbushwalkers@gmail.com
Walk Activity Summary:

Day & Date: Sunday – 08/06/2025
Walk Name: Mt Hedlow
Walk Type & Grading: D/W, M/H, B, 2, 3, 5, 7. Alt 210mtrs.
Walk Leader & Contact #: **Kevin Cullen** – 0487 655 892 and **Bill Sauer** – 0428 066 531
Walk Activity Summary: Travel to and park at Hedlow Creek reserve on Lake Mary Road. Follow a bush trail on the southern side of the mountain progressing to the entry point on the south eastern corner, then ascending the mountain. A good level of fitness will be required as it is expected to be a moderate to hard scramble to the top hence the M/H rating.

Day & Date: Sunday – 15/06/2025
Walk Name: First Turkey - Rockhampton
Walk Type & Grading: H/W, M, B, 1, 6. Alt 200mtrs. Distance 8kms Approx.
Walk Leader & Contact #: **Glynn Gadsby** – 0749 275 972
Walk Activity Summary: We will be starting the walk at the end of Sunset Drive and walk up Leapers Leap Track / Pegasus Track and Zamia Track then back to First Turkey via trekking down Moores Creek. A good variety of country and nice views. Mostly all track with some creek walking. A half day walk open to all fit people.

Day & Date: Sunday – 22/06/2025
Walk Name: Bluff Point National Park- via the 'Low Track'
Walk Type & Grading: H/W, E, A, 6
Walk Leader & Contact #: **Ian Herbert** – 07 4933 6495 or 0428 381 818
Walk Activity Summary: With the benefit of a mid-afternoon low tide, we circumnavigate the Bluff Point National Park headland the beach and rocks. This is an afternoon walk to see Bluff Point from a different angle, going from Mulambin Beach to Kemp Beach. There is some beach walking but also a fair few rocks to climb over, and even with a low tide, some of them can be a little bit slippery. We see some interesting geological features and a large cave. Bring your snacks for an afternoon smoko halfway around.

Day & Date: Sunday – 29/06/2025
Walk Name: Crocodile Creek and Heritage Trail (Bouldercombe Gorge)
Walk Type & Grading: H/W, M/H, 1, 5, 6, 7
Walk Leader & Contact #: **Greer Burgess** – 0448 408 775
Walk Activity Summary: We plan to walk up Bouldercombe Gorge to the junction of Crocodile Creek, before ascending the dry waterfall/creek to reach the top of the ridge. This route is steep in places and is not suitable for walkers who don't like rock scrambling/heights. Although this is only a short section, it is the reason for the H rating. Once at the top, we will enjoy the views across the valley before coming down via the old packhorse trail to complete the circuit.

Day & Date: Sunday – 06/07/2025
Walk Name: Zamia – Mt Archer Track
Walk Type & Grading: H/W, M, C, 1. Alt 600mtrs. Distance 14kms Approx.
Walk Leader & Contact #: **Glynn Gadsby** – 0749 275 972
Walk Activity Summary: After doing a car shuffle we will start our walk at the top of Mt Archer then proceed down the Zamia Track to the end point on Sunset Drive. Nice views with grass tree slopes / rainforest sections with creeks and bushland. A half day open to all fit people.

Day & Date: Sunday – 13/07/2025
Walk Name: General Meeting
Walk Type & Grading: NA
Walk Leader & Contact #: **Kevin Cullen** – 0487 655 892 – kevin.cullen12@gmail.com
Walk Activity Summary: 2pm at CCC Hut “Haigh Park” Livermore Street, Rockhampton

Day & Date: Sunday – 20/07/2025
Walk Name: Canoona Wattle and Tunnels Walk
Walk Type & Grading: D/W, T/W, M, C, 2, 5 & 7
Walk Leader & Contact #: **Kevin Cullen** – 0487 655 892
Walk Activity Summary: This walk will start at the Canoona Rest Area and requires quite amount of Up and Down scrambling to achieve the 4 Pointers through thick native wattle which is expected to be in full bloom of yellow and orange colour. A highlight this year is the Canoona Goldfield Tunnels which requires very sure footing whilst traversing the excavated rubble.
Walkers must haves: good boots, Long Sleeve shirts and Long Pants, Gaiters, Eye Protection and 3 Litres of water.

Day & Date: **Sunday – 27/07/2025**
Walk Name: TBA
Walk Type & Grading:
Walk Leader & Contact #: Please submit you walk to The Secretary – capbushwalkers@gmail.com
Walk Activity Summary:

Day & Date: Sunday – 03/08/2025
Walk Name: Ballroom Cave, The Caves
Walk Type & Grading: H/W, M, A, 2, 4
Walk Leader & Contact #: **Russell Thompson** - 0458 025 123
Walk Activity Summary: A relatively short but steep walk (approx. 1-2km) over limestone and through some scrub takes us to the entrance of Ballroom Cave. Depending on your level of comfort we can explore the open cave and/ or try some squeezes. Time permitting, we will move on to another cave. Optional lunch afterwards at The Caves Pub, a welcome treat after getting down and dirty

Day & Date: Sunday – 10/08/2025
Walk Name: Annual General Meeting.
Walk Type & Grading:
Walk Leader & Contact #: **Kevin Cullen** – 0487 655 892 – kevin.cullen12@gmail.com
Walk Activity Summary: 2pm at CCC Hut "Haigh Park" Livermore Street, Rockhampton

Day & Date: Sunday – 17/08/2025
Walk Name: Mt Dovecot and Dovecot Nature Refuge Escarpment.
Walk Type & Grading: H/W, M/H, B, 1
Walk Leader & Contact #: **Kevin Cullen** – 0487 655 892
Walk Activity Summary: We travel to Dovecot Station (2-wheel drive) via Kabra, where I will do a people shuffle in a 4 x 4 vehicle to the point on the property where we start the walk up the escarpment followed by Mt Dovecot. There are fantastic views from both points. The M rating is for the walk-up Mt Dovecot which follows a fire trail; however, the Dovecot Nature Refuge escarpment is challenging under foot hence the H rating.

Day & Date: Friday to Sunday – 22 - 24/08/2025
Walk Name: Isla Gorge National Park Walk.
Walk Type & Grading: MO, XT, M/H, B, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7
Walk Leader & Contact #: **Greer Burgess** – 0448 408 775
Walk Activity Summary: Isla Gorge is located to the southwest of Theodore on the Leichardt Highway. It's a place of sandstone gorges and wildflowers; steep, rugged and beautiful. Arriving Friday 22nd, we'll enjoy a short before watching the sunset from the lookout. Saturday will be a full day walk, through an eroded 'tunnel' in the sandstone. Sunday will be a half day, to be determined a bit closer to the date. The 2 half day walks are rated M, the full day walk is rated H. This is mainly due to the requirements to climb into, and back up, the gorge via a steep spur. Contact Greer for more details or to nominate.

Day & Date: Saturday – 30/08/2025
Walk Name: 32-Footer Trail, Byfield National Park
Walk Type & Grading: TBA
Walk Leader & Contact #: **Mark Angus** - 0484 068 361
Walk Activity Summary: There are 2 options that are being worked through. The first being a 12km walk with a car shuffle or alternatively an 18kms walk through. Both of these walks have a number of wet creek crossings. More details closer to the date

FUTURE and INTERSTATE WALK NOMINATIONS

- Carnarvon Great Walk – 8 Days – 17 – 24/07/2026 – Kevin Cullen

POST WALK REPORTS – Inclusive of Photo's

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>

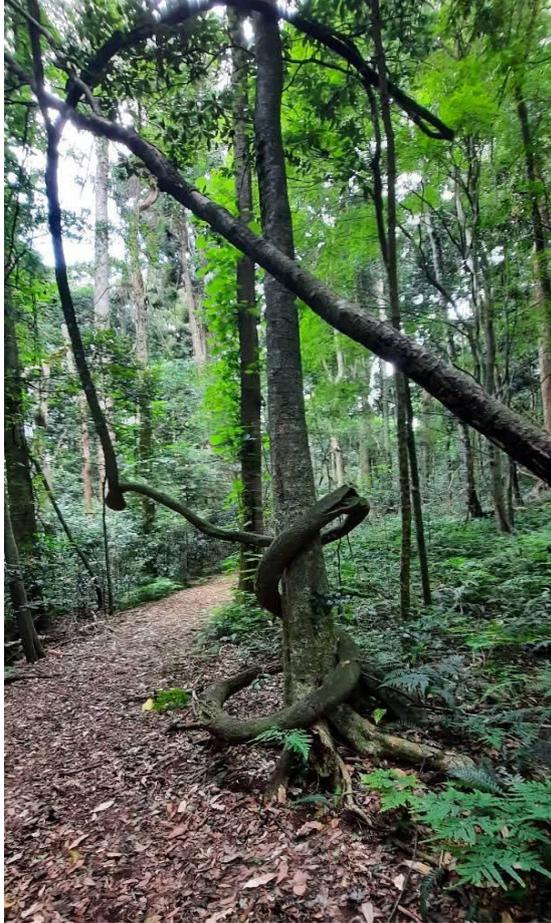
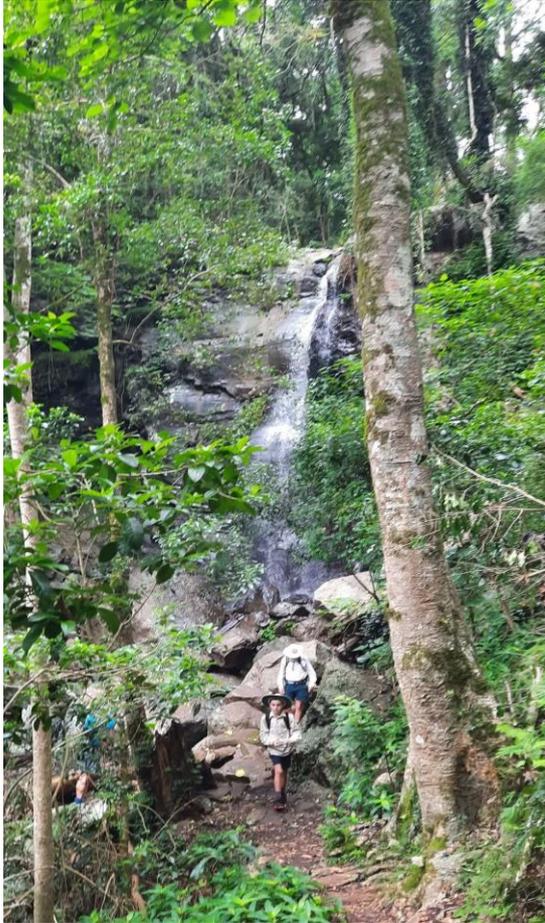
Christmas Break-up – Mt Archer National Park – Nov – Executive Chef Bill Sauer





Bunya Mountain National Park - Kingaroy – January – Leader Anna Mainey

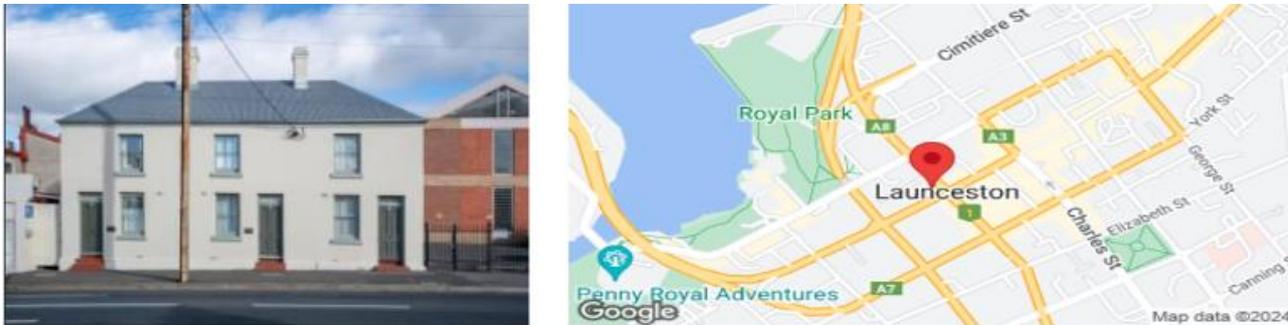




Tasmania Overland Track – Cradle Mountain / Lake St Clair NP – February – Leader Janine Kenealy

OVERLAND TRACK 31 January – 9 February 2025

Accommodation



<p>Urban Nook Serviced Apartments with Onsite Parking in Launceston CBD Address: 18 Wellington Street, 7250 Launceston, Australia Phone: +61 410 607 395 GPS coordinates: S 041° 26.337, E 147° 8.123</p>	<p>CHECK-IN 31 JANUARY <i>Friday</i> ⌚ 15:00 - 20:00</p>	<p>CHECK-OUT 1 FEBRUARY <i>Saturday</i> ⌚ 00:00 - 11:00</p>	<p>UNITS NIGHTS 2 / 1 YOUR GROUP 6 adults</p>
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Urban Nook was fantastic accommodation – historical with modern amenities. 2 Bed/1 Bath - Queen Bed downstairs, two singles upstairs. Walking distance to Pubs/Brewery/Supermarket and specialty shops. Also included washing machine and dryer which was great for our hiking clothes and those not going directly home on the Sunday.

Collection to start the track across the road at The Podd Inn

Transport

Taxi from and return to Launceston Airport 131008 - Taxi Combined Services approx. \$45 depending upon day/time. OR Uber – approx. \$35-\$45

Transport to start of hike: Overland Track Transport - Sean and Andrew
<https://www.overlandtracktransport.com.au> admin@overlandtracktransport.com.au
0474 172 012

This is a great company and would highly recommend them. They look after one hotel bag per person whilst you are on the track at no cost. They also offer some discounts on various accommodations and eating houses/shops, and you can purchase gas cannisters through them if you won't have time to do this in town prior to the hike.

The Hike in summary

Temperatures were unusually high with Tasmania having a heatwave starting on our first day. We had several 30oC days, finally cooling on our last day around Lake St Clair.

The first day was tough going with rapidly gaining altitude –feeling every kilo on your back in your thighs!

We had 8 days on the track, stayed 2 nights at Kia Ora – a magnificent new hut – to allow extra time for some side trips for those who wished.

Beautiful scenery, often encircled by mountains – some to be conquered, fields of buttongrass, cushion plants and wildflowers, numerous bubbling creeks, wildlife galore – Wombats, wallabies, pademelons, snakes and lizards, possums –

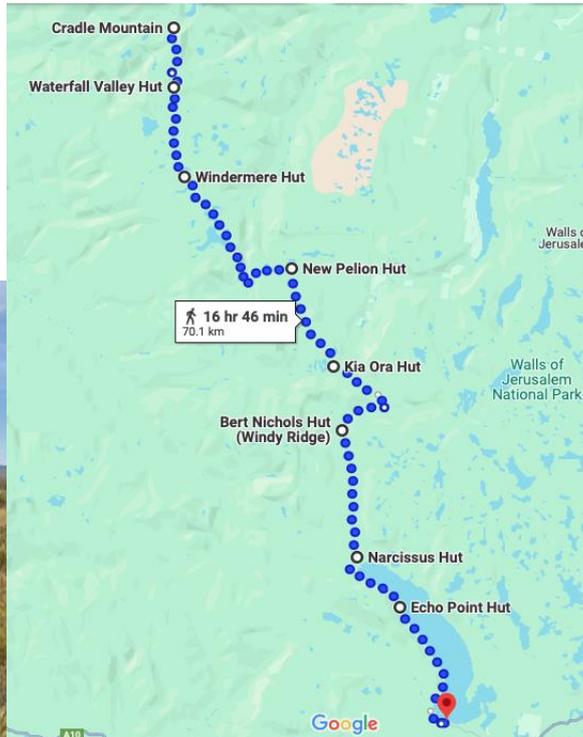
brushtail and ringtail, and quolls, as well as fish in the streams. Evidence of Tassie Devils – scat and footprints, but unfortunately no glimpses of Tasmanian Tigers.

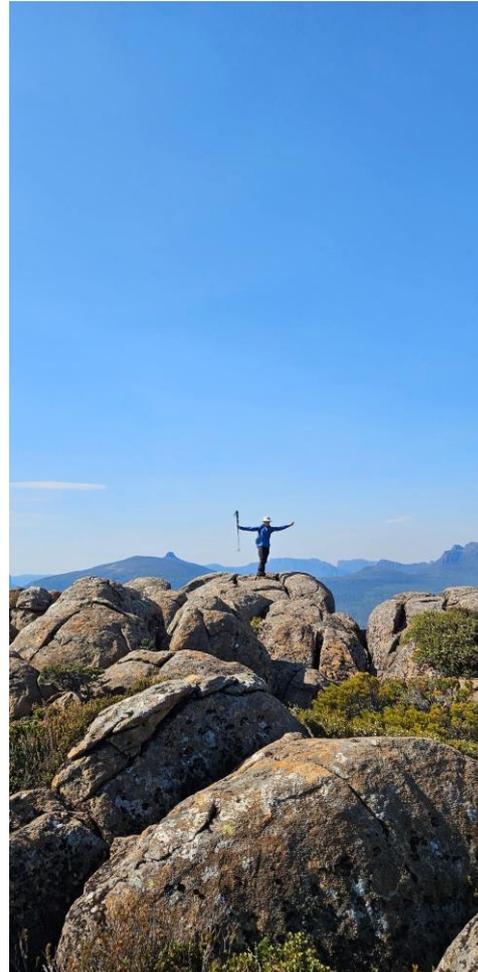
The experience of Hut life, meeting great like-minded people, and camping in tents also. Freezing creeks, swimming holes and lakes/waterfalls were enjoyed by all. We were chased by a bushfire, seeing many repetitive fly-overs by the skilled water-bomber planes in their attempts to control the fire.

We all opted camp at Echo Point and walk around the lake, through myrtle-beech rainforest, to Cynthia Bay on the last day rather than take the ferry at Narcissus – I would highly recommend this as the scenery on this part of the walk is beautiful.

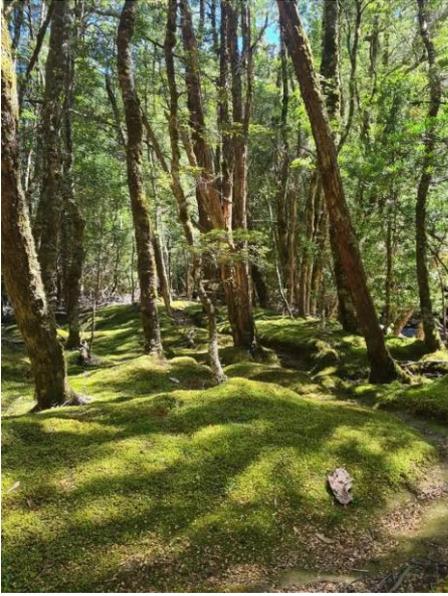
Final celebratory meal at Du Cane Brewery where Pizza and beer was enjoyed. One free beer per person thanks to our Transport Company vouchers.

Thank you to all my fellow hikers. Janine.









Agnes Water and 1770 Trails – February – Leader Anna Mainey



