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See page 6 for the May to August 2026 Walk summary.



End of Year BBQ – Mt Morgan Dam – 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:	May to August – 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 – MAY to AUGUST 2026 – DETAILS OF WALK TYPE IN THE SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Walk Name</u>	<u>Walk Leader</u>	<u>Contact</u>
01-04/05/2026	Blackdown Tablelands NP	Greer Burgess	0448 408 775
10/05/2026	Mt Chappell and Cliffs	Kevin Cullen	0487 655 892
Sat – 16/05/2026	Hiking Preparation Awareness	Judy Milner, Anna Mainey, Janine Kenealy	0421 208 049 0408 218 423 0418 372 465
22-24/05/2026	Combined Club Campout	Kevin Cullen	0487 655 892
31/05/2026	Mt Hedlow Climb	Kevin Cullen	0487 655 892
05–07/06/2026	Agnes / 1770	Anna Mainey	0408 218 423
12-14/06/2026	Goosedulla NP – 4X4 Only	Kevin Cullen	0487 655 892
21/06/2026	Zamia Trail and Mt Archer	Glynn Gadsby	0749 275 972
28/06/2026	Canooka Wattle and Tunnels Walk	Kevin Cullen	0487 655 892
05/07/2026	Vacant		
12/07/2026	General Meeting.	Kevin Cullen	0487 655 892
19/07/2026	Vacant		
26/07/2026	Vacant		
31/07-02/08/2026	Byfield NP – Creek to Coast	Anna Mainey	0408 218 423
Thu – 13/08/2026	Girt Island – Keppel Sands - Mid Week	Barb Snelling	0419 769 899
16/08/2026	Annual General Meeting	Kevin Cullen	0487 655 892
21-23/08/2026	Isla Gorge NP	Greer Burgess	0488 408 775
29-30/08/2026	Mt Maryvale & 32 Foot Rd Byfield	Mark Angus Kevin Cullen	0484 068 361 0487 655 892

Day & Date: Friday to Monday – 01-04/05/2026 – **3 Nights**
Walk Name: Blackdown Tablelands National Park
Walk Type & Grading: MO, XT, BC, M, 1, 2, 4, 7 – Approx: 400Kms return trip to Rockhampton
Walk Leader & Contact #: **Greer Burgess** – 0448 408 775
Nomination required by: Friday – 17/04/2026 – **2 weeks prior.**
Numbers to Participate: 12 – Participants max. 2 x Campsites (15 & 16) already booked.
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 – 10/05/2026
Walk Name: Mt Chappell and Cliffs.
Walk Type & Grading: DW, M-H, C, 2, 3, 4, & 7 and Alt 450mtrs
Walk Leader & Contact #: **Kevin Cullen** – 0487 655 892 (Phone/Text)
Nomination required by: Thursday – 08/05/2026
Numbers to Participate: No cap on numbers.
Walk Activity Summary: Commence at Sunset Drive carpark ascending a ridge via a fire trail, following the ridgeline to Mt Chappell then descending down a ridge spur onto a fire trail returning via the Zamia Track. There are beautiful views in all directions as you progress across the ridges.

Day & Date: Saturday – 16/05/2026
Walk Name: Hiking Preparation Awareness.
Walk Type & Grading: NA
Walk Leader & Contact #: **Judy Milner** – 0421 208 049, **Anna Mainey** – 0408 218 423 and **Janine Kenealy** – 0418 372 465
Nomination required by: Thursday – 13/05/2026
Numbers to Participate: No cap on numbers.
Walk Activity Summary: Members Only. Have you ever wondered, but unsure, what you need to pack and/or how to pack your pack for an overnight or multi-day walk. *[This is for you.](#)*
Location: CCC Hut “Haigh Park” Livermore Street, Rockhampton

Day & Date: Friday to Sunday – 22 – 24/05/2025
Walk Name: Combined Club Campout – Capricornia Bushwalkers Club Inc
Walk Type & Grading: NA
Walk Leader & Contact #: **Kevin Cullen** – 0487 655 892 – capbushwalkers@gmail.com
Walk Activity Summary: The CCC will be held at Bouldercombe with camping accommodation available at the Bouldercombe Recreational & Sports Ground and a flyer has been sent to all club members.

Day & Date: Sunday – 31/05/2026
Walk Name: Mt Hedlow Climb
Walk Type & Grading: D/W, M/H, B, 2, 3, 5, 7. Alt 210mtrs.
Walk Leader & Contact #: **Kevin Cullen** – 0487 655 892 (Phone/Text)
Nomination required by: Thursday – 28/05/2026
Numbers to Participate: 20 – Participants max.
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.

Day & Date: Friday to Sunday – 05-07/06/2026
Walk Name: Agnes Water / 1770 Trails
Walk Type & Grading: M/O – E, M - **Distance:** Approx. 450Km return drive.
Walk Leader & Contact #: **Anna Mainey** – 0408 218 423
Nomination required by: Thursday – 27/05/2026
Numbers to Participate: 6 – Capped numbers.
Walk Activity Summary: Members-only weekend of beach and trail walks, along, with beach / pool swimming. A reasonable level fitness is required, as there will be sand walking. Opportunity for a trip on the LARC amphibious craft.

Day & Date: Friday to Sunday – 12-14/06/2026 (Rockhampton Show PH)
Walk Name: Goodadulla National Park
Walk Type & Grading: O/N, N/F, M, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 - 4WD
Walk Leader & Contact #: **Kevin Cullen** – 0487 655 892 (Phone/Text)
Nomination required by: Thursday – 03/06/2025
Numbers to Participate: **Dependent on 4X4 Vehicles.**
Walk Activity Summary: Goodadulla NP, is centred on the Melaleuca Creek catchment of the Boomer Range. An overnight stay at 20 Mile Camp is planned, with the options for walking or driving. A swimming hole are for the adventurer. The park is strictly high clearance 4WD access only, with the park entrance approx. 120ks from Rockhampton.

Day & Date: Sunday – 21/06/2026
Walk Name: Zamia Trail & Mt Archer.
Walk Type & Grading: H/W, M, C, 1 – Alt 600mtrs – 14kms.
Walk Leader & Contact #: **Glynn Gadsby** – 07 4927 5972
Nomination required by: 18/06/2026.
Numbers to Participate: No cap on numbers.
Walk Activity Summary: After doing a car shuffle, we will start our walk at the top of Mt Archer and then proceed down the Zamia Track to the end point on Sunset Drive. Nice views with grasstree slopes / rainforest sections, creeks and bushland. All the walk is via tracks and the first section is down a gentle slope. A half day walk, open to all people, proceeding a slow and leisurely pace to cater for all levels of fitness with plenty of rest breaks.

Day & Date: Sunday – 28/06/2026
Walk Name: Canoona Wattle and Tunnels Walk
Walk Type & Grading: M/O – E, M - **Distance:** Approx. 450Km return drive.
Walk Leader & Contact #: **Kevin Cullen** – 0487 655 892 (Phone/Text)
Nomination required by: Thursday – 18/06/2026
Numbers to Participate: 15 - Max capped numbers.
Walk Activity Summary: This walk will start at the Canoona Rest Area and requires quite amount of Up and Down scrambling to achieve the 3 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 have:** good boots, Long Sleeve shirts and Long Pants, Gaiters, Eye Protection and 3 Litres of water.

Day & Date: Sunday – 05/07/2026
Walk Name: **Vacant.**
Walk Type & Grading:
Walk Leader & Contact #: Please submit you walk to The Secretary – capbushwalkers@gmail.com
Nomination required by: Thursday – 02/07/2026
Numbers to Participate: No cap on numbers
Walk Activity Summary: TBC.

Day & Date: Sunday – 12/07/2026
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: 2pm at CCC Hut “Haigh Park” Livermore Street, Rockhampton.

Day & Date: Sunday – 19/07/2026
Walk Name: **Vacant.**
Walk Type & Grading:
Walk Leader & Contact #: Please submit you walk to The Secretary – capbushwalkers@gmail.com
Nomination required by: Day – 00/04/2026
Numbers to Participate: No cap on numbers
Walk Activity Summary: TBC

Day & Date: Sunday – 26/07/2026
Walk Name: **Vacant.**
Walk Type & Grading: .
Walk Leader & Contact #: Please submit you walk to The Secretary – capbushwalkers@gmail.com
Nomination required by: Thursday – 23/07/2026
Numbers to Participate: No cap on numbers
Walk Activity Summary: TBC

Day & Date:	Friday to Sunday – 31/07-02/08/2026
Walk Name:	Creek to Coast Trail, Five Rocks- Byfield National Park
Walk Type & Grading:	MO, O/N, M, 1, X.
Walk Leader & Contact #:	Anna Mainey – 0408 218 423
Nomination required by:	Thursday – 24/07/2026
Numbers to Participate:	10 only. (2 Sites)
Walk Activity Summary:	This is a very pretty 12km each-way walk from Banksia carpark to the Five Rocks visitor area, where we will be camping. We travel through rainforest, creek crossings, acres of grasstrees, and over forested sand dunes. Beach swimming, toilets, cold showers and fireplaces are available at the camping area. Water is available- advised to treat/ filter beforehand. Members who want to come with their 4WDs are quite welcome.

Day & Date:	Thursday – 13/08/2026
Walk Name:	Girt Island Walk – Low tide @ 3pm.
Walk Type & Grading:	H/W, E, A, 2
Walk Leader & Contact #:	Barbara Snelling – 0419 769 899 (Phone/Text)
Nomination required by:	Monday – 10/08/2026
Numbers to Participate:	No cap on numbers
Walk Activity Summary:	The afternoon low tide provides the rare opportunity to walk the 2km+ to Girt Island- one of the smaller islands of the Keppel group and offshore from Keppel Sands. There will be time to explore some of the rocky outcrops surrounding the island whilst taking in the panoramic views back to the mainland. A meeting beforehand for a picnic lunch is an option.

Day & Date:	Sunday – 16/08/2026
Walk Name:	Annual 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:	2pm at CCC Hut “Haigh Park” Livermore Street, Rockhampton.

Day & Date:	Friday to Sunday 21 - 23/08/2026
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
Nomination required by:	Tuesday – 14/08/2026
Numbers to Participate:	12 – Participants max.
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 21 st , 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 & Sunday – 29-30/08/2026
Walk Name:	Mt Maryvale & 32-Footer Trail, Byfield Forestry.
Walk Type & Grading:	MO, O/N, T/W, M & H, 1, 2, 6, 7
Walk Leader & Contact #:	Mark Angus – 0484 068 361 (Text Only) Kevin Cullen – 0487 655 892 (Phone/Text)
Nomination required by:	Thursday – 19/08/2026
Numbers to Participate:	15 Participants for Mt Maryvale – No cap on numbers – 32 Foot Walk.
Walk Activity Summary:	The weekend can be a combination of both walks by Members Only booking a site at Upper Stony Creek or members can nominate individually for the day only. Mt Maryvale (Medium / Hard) – A short circuit walk requiring a climb to the top of Mt Maryvale. Beautiful views of the Byfield area and coastal region from rocky outcrops. Long grass/ Xanthorrhoea's likely to be encountered on some sections, and the descent can be a challenge, hence the hard rating 32 Foot Walk (Easy) – This is a relatively flat 12km walk starting from Byfield Forestry HQ taking in the old Byfield Road to Upper Stony Creek Rd. A swim at the end of the walk is a welcome finish to the walk. <u>Car shuffle required.</u>

FUTURE EVENTS & WALK NOMINATIONS

Day & Date:	Friday to Sunday – 11 - 20/09/2026
Walk Name:	Coogee to Manly Walk (NSW) - Sydney Harbour National Park
Walk Type & Grading:	M/O, B/C, D/W, X/T, E, C, 1 and Alt 100Mtrs.
Walk Leader & Contact #:	Anna Mainey – 0408 218 423
Nomination required by:	Fully booked – Waiting list only.
Numbers to Participate:	8 Participants Maximum
Walk Activity Summary:	Members Only, will be based in Central Sydney, with day walks progressing over 90kms of tracks hugging the coastline, with cliffs, beaches & bushland within Sydney Harbour National Park. Learn about ancient aboriginal sites and stories of the early settlers.

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>

November – GKI – Day Walk – Leader – Greer Burgess



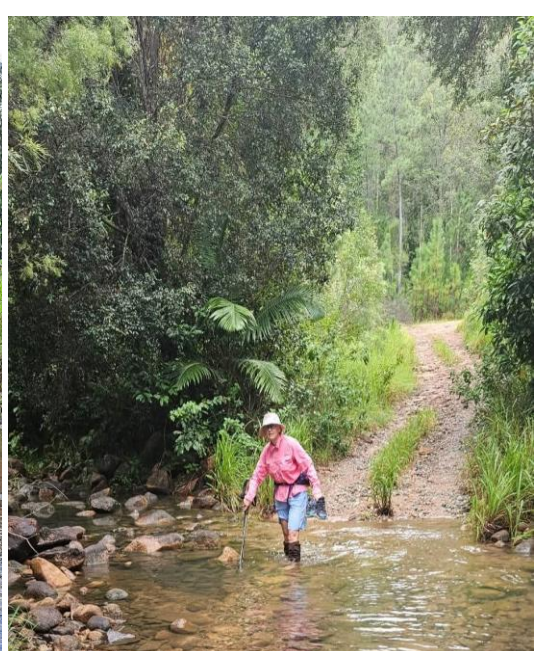
December – Mt Morgan Dam - End of Year BBQ – The Committee

Under the guidance of Master Chief – Russell Thompson and his Apprentices.





February – Upper Stony Creek Overnight Walk – Leader – Kevin Cullen



March – Great Ocean Road Multi-Day Walk – Leader – Jodie Thompson

