



CHILLAGOE CAVING CLUB

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The Chillagoe Caving Club Inc. is a not-for-profit club with its clubhouse situated in Cathedral St Chillagoe, (opposite the Chillagoe School and Police Station).

The clubhouse has camping and bunkhouse facilities, an amenities block, kitchen and BBQ area. The use of the facilities is available for a nominal cost (between \$5 - \$12/night). Please make any bookings with Clare Mullins at the above contact and additionally e-mail the President, Secretary or Treasurer.

Generally club members live outside the Chillagoe area and should prospective members wish to join in club activities it is necessary to contact us in advance to make arrangements to fit in with our regular activities. The club does not charge for these trips however a Novice (Introductory) Membership fee for these trips is required at \$55, which includes (a new introductory 12 months) Australian Speleological Federation membership which covers landowner 3rd party insurance which is required by the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service for caving in National Parks. You will also need to sign an Introductory Membership Application and Indemnity form. These are available on the club website and can be filled out in advance. Completed Introductory Membership forms must be e-mailed to the Treasurer with confirmation of introductory membership payment.

You will need to bring:

- Overalls or suitable long pants with long sleeved shirt, a broad hat and tough shoes (boots);
- Bright head torch, spare batteries;
- Water bottle (2 litres minimum);
- Lunch pack;
- Small back pack;
- Leather (riggers) gloves for delicate hands, the rocks can be very sharp;
- Helmet (if you have one but the club has some helmets available)
- If camping or bunking at the clubhouse bring (linen/sleeping bag, pillow and a large **mozzie** net.

There is a varying degree of walking and climbing difficulty in the Chillagoe Caves. Very few caves are a straight walk in doddle. There is usually some climbing, the use of wire ladders and low groveling in mud or dust as the season dictates. The more difficult caves require the use of specialist technical (SRT) climbing equipment. The club now has 8 SRT kits to hire however each kit must be booked via the SRT Trip Leader. You will need a reasonable standard of fitness.

Please contact us on the above for more information.

www.chillagoecavingclub.org.au

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