

Forget DEET, Boomerang Bug Juice May Be The Answer When It Comes To Buzzing Off Mosquitoes

The active component of catnip (*Nepeta cataria*) repels insects by triggering a chemical receptor as reported in *Current Biology* ISSN 1879-0445 (online)



Sydney, New South Wales Sep 1, 2022 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - Here's the latest buzz from deep down under flying around Walkabout Springs' new catnip lolly water that is designed to repel pesky little buggers after you down a can of this anti-bug brew. Walkabout Springs Energy Drink works by giving the drinker "catnip breath" for several hours. In Australia, the billabongs are full of hungry mosquitoes "mozzies" to the locals. Apparently, they are attracted by the carbon dioxide you breathe out so drinking this catnip mint julep seems to mask your breath, for a while. Only the "Sheila mozzies" bite, but they seemingly hate catnip's unique mint smell. Recent research indicates nepetalactone, the oil in catnip that gives it a distinctive minty odor, is a highly effective mosquito repellent. The irritant receptor TRPA1 mediates the mosquito repellent effect of catnip, see (<https://tinyurl.com/nepetalactone>).

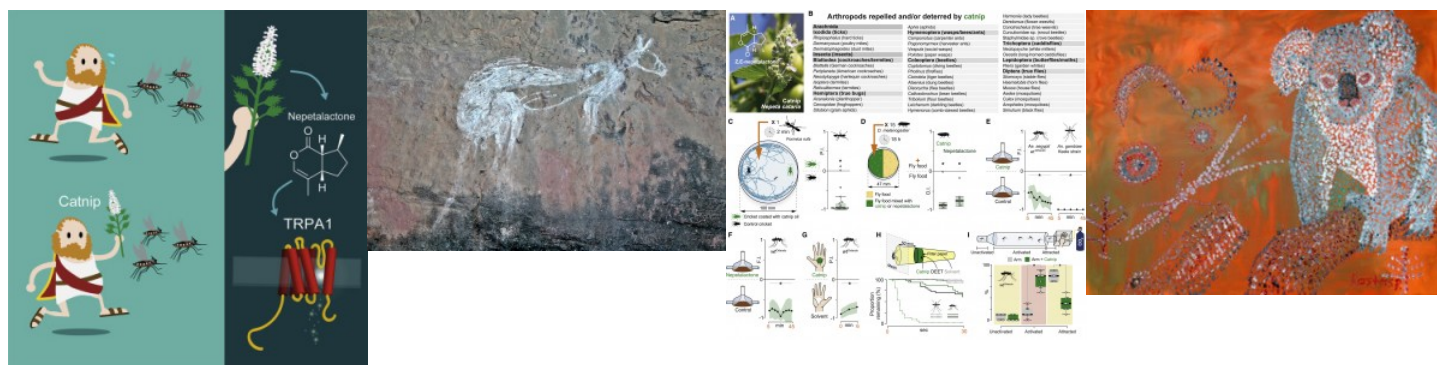
"With Walkabout Springs Energy Drink, we've designed a stimulating amber liquid that not only tastes great -- but one that will let you go out for a walkabout," said Russ Hopkins, President of The Beverage Network. "With the proliferation of nasty diseases spread by mosquitoes, this anti-bug bite juice has been extremely well-received, it's ripsnorter formula of kiwi juice, carbonated water, sucrose, glucose, sodium citrate, nepetalactone, glucuronolactone, caffeine, inositol, niacin, D-pantothenol, pyridoxine HCL, vitamin B12, really packs a wallop for mosquitoes. It's not going to replace over-the-counter bug sprays, insect repellents, or Vegemite down under but it sure beats the heck out of shooing away mosquitoes, with an old horse tail." joked Hopkins. It has long been Victoria's secret guessing game: What is John Ronan going to do next? Walkabout Springs Energy Drink may be a bit gone but its premium fruited mineral waters were a hit among thirsty celebrities camped out on the Walkabout Springs Estate, the Aussie government is offering tax concessions to attract overseas film producers according to the latest news flash from the bush telegraph.

"The Walkabout name comes from an Aboriginal expression meaning 'to go from place to place in search of better things,'" said John Ronan, President, and founder of Springbank Beverages. The company has been successfully marketing its fruited mineral water drinks in Australia and the outback and Ronan is confident that the Walkabout Springs Energy Drink will "juice up the world" beyond its Australian base. "The label design was my wife Molly's idea, adopting an Aboriginal cave drawing of a kangaroo," explained Ronan.

To learn more about the company, please visit <https://walkaboutsprings.webnode.page>

The "Catnip a powerful New (Rediscovered) Bug Repellent" news story is now available on YouTube. Please see the video. URL:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9ULAg58EUIM>



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