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*WISHING YOU ALL
A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS
AND SAFE NEW YEAR*



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<http://www.sunbushwalk.net.au/calendarofactivities.html>

Merbein Common Billabongs Walk

Sunday, 19 November, 2017

Everything went well. We had fine sunny weather, an interesting environment, good numbers, Kim's leadership and Kim's hospitality.

Eighteen members and guests circumnavigated the Merbein Common billabongs, starting with the bong near the old brickworks and finishing with the bong adjacent to Kim's place. Kim's local knowledge was also put to good use when she pointed out the "boundary tree" and explained its significance and provided some details on the local middens with one being perhaps 16,000 years old.



Kim, Alison, Neil, Greg, Roger, Michael, Russell, Verna, Meryl, Jeff, Marion, Jenny, Peter and guests Miff, Ian, Tina, Kathy and Christine enjoyed each other's company on the leisurely walk around the billabongs. There was plenty of birdlife to observe, (especially water birds) and photo opportunities.



Red-kneed Dotterel

Black-winged Stilt



Yellow-billed Spoonbill



Birds included swans, black cormorants, several species of ducks, a spoonbill and plenty of parrots.

The occasional boggy spot did not hamper the walk and it was surprising the track was not more hazardous, given the area had received 90 mls of rain a couple of days earlier.




On the return leg the group enjoyed a sumptuous morning tea washed down with tea or coffee at Kim's house, which is perched high above the billabong. Her million dollar view is outstanding. All walkers were very grateful for the rest and refreshment. Thank you, Kim.



Report by Peter



CALENDAR

2017		
Dec 3rd 	Christmas breakup 4.00pm NOTE: Change of venue 2 Lockside Ave, Mildura	Contact Neil 0429865232
Dec 6th	Meeting	
Dec 8 – 16th	Parliament House to Walhalla Trek 7 Day Pack carrying Hike	Contact: Bill 0408231984
2018		
Feb 7th	First meeting for the year	
Feb TBA	Progressive Meal	Contact Neil 0429865232
March 3rd - 9th	Bike ride along the Western Vic Rail Trail Start from Maldon - ending Port Fairey	Contact: Peter 0458935239
April 11th	3 Capes Trail, Tasmania - Hut camping 5 Days Airfares \$500 approx. Starts and ends at Port Arthur May also include trip to Maria Island	Contact: Michael 0400549988

Note: All activities and dates are subject to change. Always contact the Leader to register your attendance.