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\$40 for the year.
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Federation Walk - Saturday, 20th October

This year, the Federation Walk will be held on Saturday, 20 October 2018 as a one-day event. The event will be held on the Mornington Peninsula at Elgee Park, 310 Wallaces Road, Dromana.

For more details, visit:

<https://bushwalkingvictoria.org.au/federation-walk-2018-mornington-peninsula-659>

11th - 12 August 2018
PINK LAKES



The

weather forecast for this trip was not overly inspiring but nevertheless nothing attempted nothing gained, as the saying goes. So 10 hardy souls organized themselves for the scheduled walk that was to take place on the Sunday. They were Meryl & Karl, our Leaders, Mat, Greg, Dick, Russell, Neil, Allison, Roger & Barb.



The drought made a vain attempt at breaking during the trip to the Lakes but didn't last very long. So tents were erected in the dry and our marvellous firemen Dick & Russell got to work and soon a rip roaring fire was blazing. As we sat around for our meals the evening became decidedly chilly. Blessings for our wonderful fire.

Glen was into foil baked potatoes and showed off his masculinity by retrieving them from the fire by hand! Russell disappeared for awhile and then began ratching the fire for coals to cook his fruit damper (which he kindly shared) so he was forgiven the chilling of our fire. Just as bed time approached Roger began cooking pancakes for all and sundry. He obviously knows the wonderful fire making ability of Dick & Russell in that he had devised and came equipped with a long extension to the handle of his frying pan - much to everyone's amusement.

Well, the forecast was true to its word and we had an extremely cold night - I read somewhere that it ended up being -2°C

This little camper had a night of chasing her slipping pillow, then there were 2 serious bouts of leg cramps. There is nothing worse than struggling out of a sleeping bag to deal with cramp and I certainly didn't want to get any colder than I was, so it was a case of rubbing hard and putting up with the pain until it went. The one good thing was that all the rubbing action kept me warm.

My next scene of action was a trip to the long-drop in the cold. The clear skies and the beautiful milky -way made it a worth-while outing. While enthroned I heard the approach

of another camper, so I turned on my torch to show that one of the drops was taken. But there was no further action from outside. On leaving I told the camper that there were 2 toilets, her reply was that they come quite often to the Park and that her favourite was the one I had occupied!! Later Roger suggested that it was because I had warmed up the seat! By morning I was feeling quite bilious and not a happy camper. I even struggled to get my cup of tea down - an unheard of occurrence normally.

There was ice covering the recycled plastic picnic table and Roger's fuel canister had stuck fast.

Alison & Neil had endured a chilly sleeping time, with Alison saying that Neil had let her sleep in her bag with the bottom unzipped until about 4.00 am, plus they woke to icicles on the inside of their tent. Roger ended up with a flattened therma rest during the night and Dick & Russell were heard sleeping well. As the others were further afield and no complaints were forthcoming I presume all went well for them.

The actual report of the walk will have to be completed by another writer as I was feeling so unwell I didn't join them. Roger kindly stayed with me and valiantly tried to launch his kite in the light breeze which kept fading away at each attempt.



Lake Becking

Nearing lunch time we drove to see how the walkers were doing. Roger then joined them while I drove back to the main track around the Lakes. While waiting for the others I did a short walk across a clay pan and up a steepish rise from where I could see Lake Becking. Considering the prolonged period without rain all the lakes surprisingly had a covering of water.



Stapylton Loop July 28th

Two club members - Chris & Alan - joined eleven members of the Sunraysia Bushwalkers on their Stapylton (Pohlner's) Loop walk. A little unsure of the route - particularly the off-track section - the Sunraysia leaders had asked for some guidance from our club.

It was a perfect sunny day as we commenced the walk from the Stapylton campground. The local leaders were a bit embarrassed when the so-called track from the campground soon ran out and we had to bush bash our way out to Pohlner's Road. From then on, the walk was straight forward and we soon gained the ridge top, where clear, sunny views were had in all directions.

Thankfully the off-track section wasn't as overgrown as we had feared it might be and the going was relatively easy.

Reaching the main track again, we detoured to take in Stapylton summit before making our way back down past Taipan Wall and following the track all the way back to the campground.

It was great to catch with old and new friends from Sunraysia.





CALENDAR

2018

Sept 5th 22nd -23rd 24th	Meeting Gluepot Bird Observatory Camp & Day Walks followed by camp & Day Walks at Gluepot Bird Observatory	Contact Neil 0429865232
October 3rd 7th 20th	Meeting Millewa or Merbein Common or Koorlong State Forest Federation walk (See cover of this newsletter)	Contact Kym 0409940552 or Noel 0428214966
November 7th 11th TBA	Meeting Hattah Lakes/Chalka Creek Canoe Paddle and/or Millewa or Merbein Common or Koorlong State Forest	Contact Peter 0438321898 Contact Kym 0409940552 or Noel 0428214966
December 5th TBA	Meeting End of Year Break-up	TBA

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