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Our meeting on Wednesday evening
will be our AGM
together with an old fashioned
slide show of kayaking down
the Franklin River, Tasmania
by Noel.

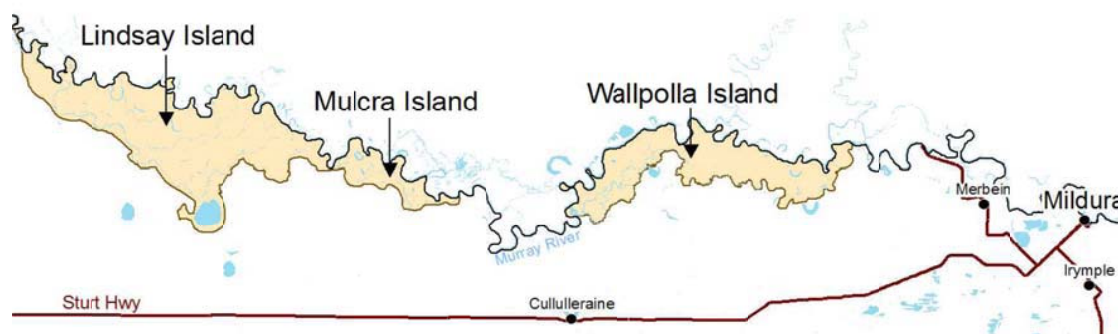


Successful grant application:
- SPOT & PLB grant received -



Mulcra Island Walk 23rd March 2012

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'Mulcra Island covers about 3000 hectares of the Chowilla Floodplain and Lindsay-Wallpolla Islands Icon Site and lies between Lindsay and Wallpolla Islands.'

The Islands are formed by anabranches of the Murray River. All three islands are steeped in cultural history, with Indigenous occupation dating back thousands of years. Traditional owners favoured the islands' reliable food sources of fish, red meats and native vegetables. Surveys have found many scar trees, hearths, campsites, shell middens and burial grounds. Mulcra and Lindsay Islands are also home to some of Victoria's most densely populated burial grounds and cemeteries.'

[Fact sheet Mallee CMA]



I realize that some time has elapsed since this particular walk and it is going to really stretch my memory writing this report.

Our rendez-vous point was under the Centro sign at 8.30 am and what a wonderful role up of participants – approx. 16 in number, all very eager to enjoy the day ahead.

The walk was led by Noel and we all followed him in our vehicles, turning off the Sturt Highway and down towards the Murray just past Lake Cullulleraine. Our cars were left at the gates of the Ned's Corner property owned by the Trust for Nature. We set off along the river bank after a quick look at a sad little grave site in memory of Mrs Ralton and her 2 children, aged 2 & 3 yrs, who drowned after the capsizing of their small fishing boat, named the Secret.



Grave site



It was very interesting to note that with the very large volume of water coming down the river at the moment it had reached the height where it had just begun to flow out into the side gullies. We did wonder whether when on returning we may have a little wading to do!



Darling Lillies



Carnical Lillies

The weather was wonderful, the company enjoyable and the area walked was most interesting. We came across quite a large area of Darling Lillies and Carnical Lillies all in bloom and we also discovered an Aboriginal canoe tree.



Due to the high water it unfortunately was not possible to achieve our objective of Mulcra Island. None the less it was a most enjoyable walk and interesting to see how the bush has responded to the increase in rain our area has received over the last year. Here's hoping that perhaps sometime later in the year we will have Mulcra Island again on our walks schedule.



A stand-off!!

Two of our party had remained behind and on our return to the cars we found the billy on the boil and toasted hot cross buns awaiting us for afternoon tea. Now just how good is that!!

"She coped with fear differently too. Where he relished how the sensation of fear in his stomach revealed the margins of his ability and compelled him to pay attention, Gerlinde strove to block out fear with the quiet calm that possessed her when she was absorbed in what she had to do. If she kept herself completely focused on the task at hand, she didn't feel afraid."

*A quote from Savage Mountain article in April 2012 National Geographic about climbing K2 by Gerlinde Kaltenbrunner, a successful climber of all 14 peaks over 8000 metres without oxygen.
30 pages of photos and text & well worth the read.*

WEBSITE UPDATE

April 2012

Posted 26/4/2012: Meeting Minutes April 2012
(Available members only - Governance page)

Posted 10/4/2012: Mungo Bike Ride info now available for members only

Posted 4/4/2012 : Classic Reports - Bushwalkers Take to the High-seas



SUNRAYSIA BUSHWALKERS

PROGRAM SUMMER/AUTUMN 2012

If you intend going on any of these trips please contact the Trip Leader by 8 pm the Thursdays beforehand so that arrangements may be finalized. Unless a minimum of 4 walkers (including the Trip Leader) have registered by Thursday evening walks may have to be cancelled.

Day & Date	Activity	Grade	Trip Leader	Phone No	Comments
MAY					
Wed 2nd	AGM – Slide Show of 1970's Kayak Trips down Tasmania's Franklin River				
Fri or Sat/Sun 5-6th	Mungo Loop MTB Ride (Optional Friday depart)	LE	Noel Hayward	5025 7455	Supported overnight ride, camp at Belah Camp (see website)
JUNE					
Wed 6th	MEETING				
Sat 23rd	Explore Pooncarie	SE	Dick Johnstone	5022 0030	Explore the river, cemetery & historic Pooncarie Pub
JULY					
Wed 5th	MEETING				
Sun 22nd	Bike Ride Red Cliffs	SE	Michael Jobe	5023 8257	Explore south of Red Cliffs Boat Ramp.
AUGUST					
Wed 1st	MEETING				
Sat/Sun 18th/19th	Belated Winter Solstice at Pine Plains Lodge	SE	Noel Hayward	5025 7455	Join us around a big campfire, for a camp oven banquet.
Sun 26th	Ride or walk, Abbotsford Bridge	SE	Michael Jobe	5023 8257	Explore west of Abbotsford Bridge
SEPTEMBER					
Wed 5th	MEETING				
Sat 22nd	Mt Henschke day walk	SM	Noel Hayward	5025 7455	Optional vehicle camp O/N or pack camp beyond Mt Henschke
OCTOBER					
Wed 3rd	MEETING				
Sat/Sun 20th/21st	Grampians Overnight walk	MH	Roger Cornell	5025 7325	Alternate day walks from Halls Gap
NOVEMBER					
Wed 3rd	MEETING				
17th/18th	Murrumbidgee Canoeing	ME	Barb Cornell	5025 7325	Yanga Woolshed to Murray

ADVANCE WARNING 2013 -14 WALKS.

April 2013	Waldheim Huts Cradle Mountain. Day or overnight walks around the Cradle to admire the autumn foliage of the <i>Nothofagus Cunnungham</i>	Noel	5025 7455
April 2014	Himalayan Walk. Everest Base Camp and/or Goyko Lakes	Noel	5023 8257

WALK GRADINGS

All walks are graded according to 'equivalent distance' and terrain. Equivalent distance is the horizontal distance, plus 1 km for every 100 m climbed. On weekend and extended walks this equivalent distance is likely to be walked each day. All walks are given a two letter grading code. The first letter refers to the equivalent distance;

- S** = short (8-12 km per day)
- M** = medium (12 – 20 km per day)
- L** = long (over 20 km per day)

The second letter refers to the terrain:

- E** = easy (mainly following some form of marked track typically on flat ground.)
- M** = medium (mainly on formed tracks, but may include some off-track walking with moderate climbs on or off track.)
- H** = hard (day or overnight walks which may require long or multiple steep climbs, cross country travel, creek crossings or some rock scrambling.
- R** = rough (day or overnight walks in difficult terrain which may include long or steep climbs and considerable off track walking. May include special requirements such as: requirement to carry water, experience in rock scrambling and snow, knowledge of survival techniques, first-aid and navigation skills

ABOUT SUNRAYSIA BUSHWALKERS

The Sunraysia Bushwalkers Club is a member of the Federation of Victorian Walking Clubs. The Club was founded in 1977 and is based in Mildura in the Mallee region of north west Victoria. The Club has approximately 20 members.

Our members come from all walks of life with interests ranging from easy local day walks to longer overnight walks in locations such as Tasmania and the Grampians. Activities include day walks, overnight and extended bushwalks, car based camping with day walks, canoeing, mountain-bike rides and other outdoor pursuits usually focused around campfires and camp oven meals.

Membership: There is no qualifying period or requirements to join the club, just a willingness and enthusiasm to join in and enjoy outdoor pursuits. A fee is charged for membership, currently \$25.00 per annum. Visitors are welcome on Club walks.