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**\$40 per Person**

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## Thegoa Lagoon Walk 15th July 2017



On Saturday July 15<sup>th</sup> eleven members plus Francie, a veterinary student from Germany working with Bill, assembled at the Wentworth cemetery for a walk around Thegoa Lagoon.

We set off under a clear blue sky, although slightly chilly; an overnight shower made the clay stick to our boots making for a slightly elevated view of the surrounds. Heading north past the cemetery we soon saw the first of several scar trees and middens. Further on we passed some not so impressive signs of European settlement, a contrast with the well maintained golf course just over the lagoon and the scrub for most of the walk.

*Scar Tree*



We then headed west following the road on the high bank above the lagoon, an attempt to walk along the edge to check the

birdlife on the deeper section was abandoned due to the thick vegetation to the water's edge. The abundant waterbird life had heard us coming and moved a safe distance to the other side of the lagoon.

Back on the track, past a couple of houses and a vineyard, we turned south with the lagoon, past the second bird hide and finally back to the river. Francie was



excited to spot some kangaroos and a red capped robin on this stretch, a reminder of what we take for granted.

Turning east we followed the river back, noting its wider course after the Darling had

joined. People with utes and chainsaws were collecting firewood in the bend, something you can't do in Victoria near Mildura, the closest firewood collection sites being at Robinvale, which closed on June 30<sup>th</sup>. The track guide mentioned boundary ring trees but we were unable to locate any.



***The Editor, straggling behind the main group did manage to find a 'boundary tree' - see photo***

We passed the Lockmaster's and other houses to arrive back in time to see the Ruby lead the paddleboat flotilla from the Junction Rally from the Darling into the Murray as twenty-five skippers maintain some sort of orderly procession in a

crowded section of river.

The walk was 9.5 km and

took around 2.5 hours. Breaking with tradition we then adjourned to the Artback Café for coffee, morning tea, or lunch depending on your fancy as the sky clouded over.

Some of the retired horticulturalists were unable to resist the lure of the rally which provided an impressive range of boats and vintage tractors, vehicles, motorbikes and stationary engines.

A very enjoyable walk and only thirty minutes from Mildura



## Ned's Corner Mid-Winter Dinner 22nd - 23rd July 2017



The historic characters who assembled for the dinner were Kenny in full working attire, Repunzell sporting her plaited hair, The Wicked Witch in all her nastiness, Jemima out of Play School in complete ragdoll abandon, Wee Fanny Wilma – say no more, Red Riding Hood of cycling fame, Sir Hubert Wilkins known as the last explorer and a suffragette from the 19<sup>th</sup> century.



Although these characters were not at first evident they started to appear after a short afternoon walk and at pre-dinner nibbles and drinks.

As they say, a picture is worth a thousand words, I will let the photos tell all. The morning after the night before saw a bedraggled bunch roll up for breakfast on Sunday morning before some went off to the lock on bikes while those remaining extracted a kangaroo from a fence entanglement and discovered a large tortoise shell.



A good weekend was had by all and it was unfortunate that so many missed this great event due to illness and other causes. Next year will be awaited with hope of a greater attendance and better health.

The best presentation of the evening was awarded to Bill and Francie in the form of chocolates and enjoyed by us all.



*10 Klms of dirt road from Ned's Corner Station to the Highway*







## 48 Years of Bushwalking in Australia.

Talk by Geoff Lay

12th October 2017 at 8.00 pm

Lutheran Church hall,

Corner of Ninth Street and Olive Avenue.

*DO please let Peter know a few weeks in advance  
if you will be attending this talk - Phone: 50221898*



### **Trip & Trek News - latest news on trips and treks**

*More information on these items can be obtained from the SBW Secretary*



This month reported in the Minutes of the July meeting.

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## CALENDAR

2017		
August 2nd	<b>Meeting</b>	Contact: Neil 0429865232
13th	'Sextons' Kulkyne to Chalka Creek Day Walk	Contact: Peter 0458935239
Sept 6th	<b>Meeting</b>	
12th	Mundibbi Trail Bike Ride, WA	Contact: Michael 0400549988
TBA	Melb City to Walhalla Trek	Contact: Bill 0408231984
24rd - 29th	Burra / Hallet - Heysen Trail Day Walks	Contact: Peter 0458935239
Oct 4th	<b>Meeting</b>	
12th	'48 Yrs of Bushwalking Across Aust' Geoff Lay - Cnr 9th St & Olive Ave. at <b>8.00pm</b>	Contact: Peter 0458935239
15th	Mt Henscke, Sunset NP Day Walk	Contact: Peter 0458935239
28th - 29th	Federation Walk Weekend - Warburton area <a href="http://www.fedwalks.org.au">www.fedwalks.org.au</a>	Contact: Meryl/Karl 50227676
Nov 1st	<b>Meeting</b>	
19th	Kings Billabong or Merbein Common Billabong	Contact: Peter 0458935239
Dec	Christmas breakup TBA	

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