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

## DAY WALK IN HATTAH

### 14<sup>th</sup> August 2014

When the day walk for the weekend failed to attract much interest (the weather had something to do with it I am sure) it was decided to have a walk in Hattah on Thursday rather than the Saturday, with a loose idea to investigate the current level of water inundation and its extent over the area up to the regulator.



The day turned out to be just the best for a few hours walking, so Peter, Tony & myself headed off at about 9.00am. The walk commenced off track in the northern part of Hattah heading away from the river. We spent several hours exploring sand-dune country with a great amount of evidence of recent rabbit ripping by a large tracked vehicle.

After a relaxed lunch we headed back to the car and drove further south stopping to explore an area that looked as though it may be a lake from our view from the road. It turned out not to be and after proceeding further south we eventually arrived at the new regulator which is a very large structure near “Öatleys” on Chalka Creek. The water level differential I estimate to be around 8-10 meters from the upstream to downstream sides of the regulator. The amount of water being held back is considerable and it certainly looked as though canoeing that part would be a great exercise.



We eventually ended up back on the Mournpall Track and when we came to the new fence and cattle grid our way was blocked with bunting. This had been closed off due to the artificial flooding that was taking place so we ventured over the fence and walked towards the river to see if we could find the source of the lake that was just over the fence and held back by a levy bank of some age.





The wet area was bounded by Mournpall Track & Eagles Nest Track and the further east we got the shallower it became so we crossed over to what turned out to be a peninsula and with some trepidation waded over the top area and back to the Mournpall Track and access to the cattle grid. On referring to the map this water must have come from Lake Bitterang. It would be good to have a walk through the area bounded by Eagles Nest Track, Bitterang Track and Moonah Track which is marked as 'subject to inundation'.

A few thoughts that have been bandied around since the walk:-

- Is it time to conduct the occasional mid-week walk?
- Would mid-week walks detract from weekend walks or just offer an additional opportunity?
- Do we have sufficient members to support both?

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## Mt Crozier Partial Loop

23-24<sup>TH</sup> August 2014



Wattle

An opportunity, with flowers starting to burst, envisaged by Meryl, as a result of an earlier visit with Karl.

The phrase 'herding cats' came to mind when this was proposed by Meryl and it was with a degree of uncertainty that I forwarded on her email. The initial response was such that it appeared to be a goer and eventually 6 ended up on the walk (some were that didn't and some did that weren't). Luck was with us in that the Sunday turned out to be another of those exceptional weather days that we are all too often spoilt with.

The plan was to walk east from Mt Crozier for 3 hours have lunch and then retrace our steps and head back to Mildura around 3pm. We were on the track by 9am and progress was fairly slow as distractions abounded in the form of various vegetation. We had just turned off the Mt Crozier track and onto the circuit when Christiana discovered an edible fruit and I photographed it for later identification. Alas the photos I took disappeared when Windows 8.1 ate them, so it is still a mystery as to their identification.



Excitement abounded when the first orchid was sighted and there seemed to be a fair amount of competition to discover the next.

Impressions of the walk – varied vegetation with a number of tree groups of similar varieties having established areas that lead to their domination of a locale. The walking was easy without full packs and a number of sand hills afforded us distant views of Mt Cowra & MacArthur Trig. Our return journey to Mildura was via Honeymoon Hut Track with a bit of detouring, before obtaining the Calder Highway.

*Report by Roger*

*Thanks to Tony for all the photos*

***For an illuminating meeting  
the President has requested  
that you bring your latest and  
brightest camping torches.***





For a small prize who can guess where this photo was taken, perhaps also the mountain and maybe the photographer?

Bring your guesses to the next meeting.



## **Norfolk Island remnant:**

### ***Silly questions asked by tourists***

**Q** 'Is this local sandstone?'

**A** 'Yes'

**Q** 'Was it quarried on the island?'

**Q** 'The convicts that were hung, were they buried with their heads on?'

**Q** 'The soil on the Island, was it imported?'

**Q** 'If you touch an electric fence, will you get a shock?'

*Taken from 'Ask a Silly Question' by Max Hobbins*





### *Paddling Chalka Creek*

## CALENDAR

Sept 3rd	Meeting 8.00pm Club Room	
Sept 6th	Hattah Kulkyne Day Walk	Contact Roger 50257325
Sept 7th	Chalka Creek &/or Lakes Canoeing	Contact Dick 50220030/0417245350
Oct 1st	Meeting 8.00pm Club Room	
Oct 4 – 5th	Grampians Overnight Walk	Contact Roger 50257325
Nov 6 - 16 <sup>th</sup> Federation Walks Weekend	Day Walks Rawson & Extended Coastal Walk follow on of Croajingalong walk (Stage 2 Mallacoota to Eden)	Contact Roger 50257325

**Next Meeting**  
**Wednesday 3rd September at 8.00 pm**  
**at Drysdale's**  
**2164 Fifteenth Street,**  
**Irymple**