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May everyone have a great Christmas and a relaxing holiday season



To view the complete calendar please follow the link:
<http://www.sunbushwalk.net.au/calendarofactivities.html>



CHRISTMAS BREAK-UP

AVOCA HOMESTEAD

Directions: Head out through Wentworth on the Silver City Highway.
Travel 6 kms and turn right at the Pomona turn-off.
Proceed 18.5 kms along the Lower Darling Road.
Turn right onto a shared easement road marked for Properties 1122A & 1122B.
Travel 1 klm and then turn right at the Avoca on the Darling sign (Property 1122A)
Travel on the gravel drive for 500mtrs.

For those requiring further information please check out the following link. <https://sites.google.com/site/avocaondarling/>

Requirements: \$20 per head for pizza
BYO side dishes
BYO chairs
Togs, floaties & towel - if you plan to swim
Attendance numbers by Wed. 7th

Contact: Meryl 50227676



General Information

For all members

The Emergency Medical Information form is now available on our website for you to complete and store in your day packs.

http://www.sunbushwalk.net.au/index.php?option=com_attachments&task=download&id=132



ANABRANCH CANOE PADDLE 12TH November 2016

The Great Anabranh of the Darling River has its origins in the region of the Menindee Lakes and for much of our recent times it has not had any flow because of insufficient available water. The upper section remains dry in contrast with the lower reaches close to the Murray River. The latter section is sufficiently flat to permit water from the Murray, in normal conditions, to move many

kilometres up its path. So with the high Murray getting closer to its peak flood level, we found our launch place at Twelve Mile Bridge with black water spreading well beyond the usual confines.

Nine Club members in four double and one single craft began the journey to Fort Courage with a gentle breeze coming from the west. As we progressed in either the main stream or sometimes amongst flooded trees we needed to pay more attention to the prevailing conditions than we would have, had the water surface been glassy smooth. We discovered significant variations in the width of the watercourse with some parts being as wide as the Murray at Mildura. After a short stop on terra firma we progressed to what has clearly been a popular picnic place right at the main junction where we again vacated the canoes as it was lunch time.



The Murray waters proved to be so different to the plan's expectations. Rather than having an easy ride to our destination on the fast current, the brisk wind coming straight up the river made big waves in the open parts. Yet the spread of the waters gave a wonderful opportunity to glide through forest sections of big Red Gums as no doubt they relished the wetting.

On investigating the origin of an unpleasant stench we discovered it was the body of a 1.2 metre Murray Cod presumably a casualty of the black water. It was one of two found in that condition.



We saw fewer water birds than the writer expected. A couple of Black Cormorants and just a very few ducks made themselves visible. If only the big old burly gums could share stories of the ages we would be truly amazed with what they could tell. Our fleeting journey gave a rare snapshot of this region where the waters rather than idling to the sea, showed they had the controlling influence for the moment. It was a fascinating time to come here.



Written by Dick

Russell tempting fate - trying not to go in nose first or turn turtle!



Trip & Trek News - latest news on trips and treks

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

PGL Adventure Camps provide venues and accommodation at Campaspe Downs (Kyneton/Macedon Ranges area) and Camp Rumberg (Wilsons Prom area)

Take a Walk Adventures are now promoting and providing information on their Andalusian Coast to Coast Walk.

Southcoast First National have information on their Inverloch holiday homes.

OYAT (NZ) are now promoting and providing information on their many trips and treks including Milford, Routeburn and Stewart Island.

Murray River Walk - Riverland South Australia now has information on a designated walk that is now included in the Great Walks of Australia.

Willis's Walkabouts has information on their next Kakadu Highlights Trek (Oct 24 - Nov 6)

Kokoda Trekking

Cameron James (www.1hundredpercentkokoda.com) specialises in trekking packages involving the Kokoda Trail. Check his website for details of packages and testimonials.





CALENDAR

2016		
Dec 7th	Meeting	
11th	 Christmas Break-up 	Contact Neil 50235559

Next Meeting
Wednesday December 7th at 8.00 pm
Please note that due to the high water at Apex Park
our meeting will be held at the Scout Centre, Nichols Point,
formally the old Pumping Station,
Cnr. Cureton Avenue & Karadoc Avenue