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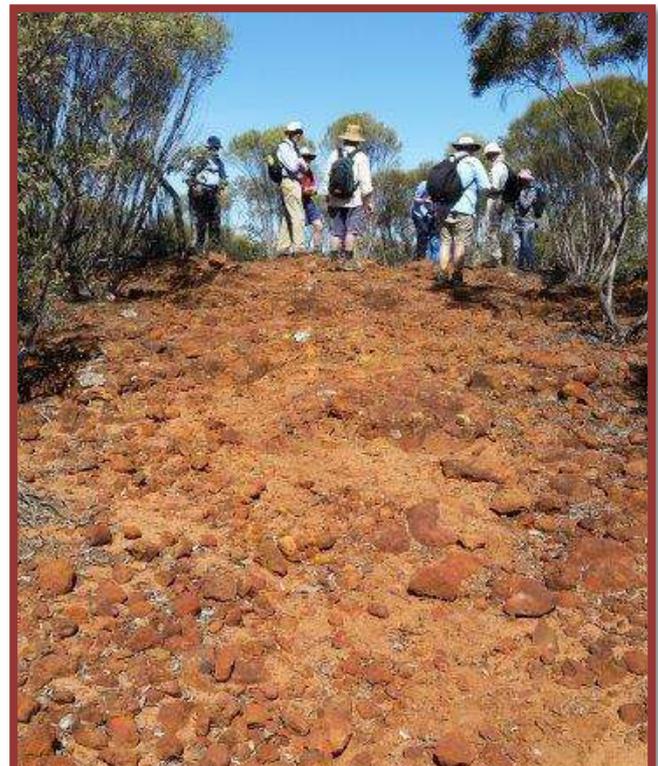
Membership Fees

\$40 per Person

Subs due 1st July

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

Mt Henschke Walk - 17th September, 2017



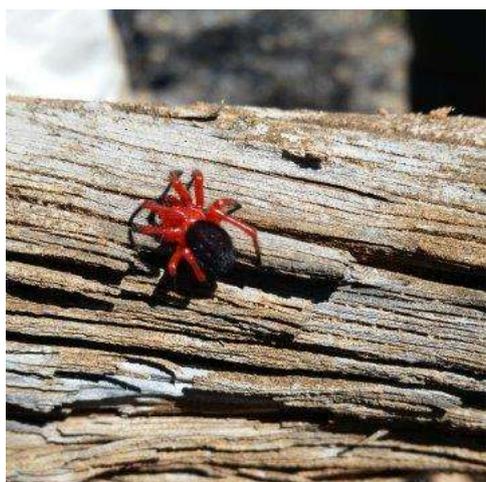
When does a hill become a mountain?

My research indicates that the answer is not definitive. A mountain can be defined as a steep hill, generally higher than 600 metres. Or, the more general approach is that it all depends on the eye of the beholder, especially if the landform has some specific or attractive feature. It also helps if the locals think that the landform is a mountain!

So armed with this information, is Mt Henschke a mountain? No, if it has to be 600 metres high. Our landform is only 110 metres asl. But yes, if in the eye of the beholder, it is a mountain. I prefer the latter.

So I think "Mt Henschke" just gets in and 'Mt Henschke' sounds a lot better than 'Hill Henschke' or 'Henschke Hill'.

Twelve Sunraysia Bushwalkers, Jeff, Neil, Alison, Marion, Elaine, Meryl, Greg, Dick, Christiane, Noel, Roger and Peter, climbed Mt Henschke on Sunday, 17 September and enjoyed the magnificent views from its summit. The weather was fine and sunny with a nip in the air early on. Lunch was eaten while enjoying the panoramic views.



The group followed a bush track to Mt Henschke and then guided by a GPS waypoint walked back to the cars checking out a previously marked mallee fowl's nest. Wattles and one mallee species were in flower along with numerous small flowering plants including the 'invisible flower' plant. A small, attractive plant that is very aptly named. Birdlife was present but walkers had to stand and listen quietly to get their reward. A small spider with a red upper body and black lower body was spotted but is still to be identified.

(Red and Black Spider - Ambicodamus crinitus.....Editor)

The trek covered about 13-14 kms and was completed without mishap despite the plaintive call of "are we there yet?" from one walker.

Mt Henschke is a favourite destination on the SBW walks program and I am sure we will enjoy its rare, local status again, sometime in the future.



*Slender Velvet Bush
Lasiopetalum baueri*



*The 'Group' at the
Mallee Fowl nest*

Report by Peter



***Don't forget Geoff Lay's talk on 48 years of bushwalking in
Australia***

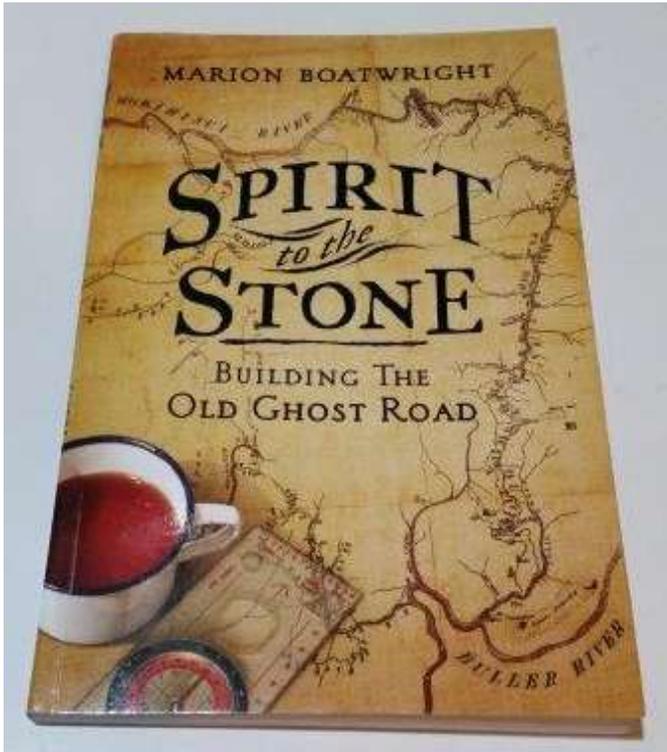
12th October 2017 at 8.00 pm
Lutheran Church hall,
Corner of Ninth Street and Olive Avenue.

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

Casual Book Review

An occasional review of books of interest to a bushwalker

Review by Roger



SPIRIT TO THE STONE – Building The Old Ghost Road
Author: Marion Boatwright Published 2015 (2nd Ed. 2016)

Reading this book came as a result of undertaking the 85 kilometre trail in the South Island of New Zealand in March 2017 and is about the making of the walk come cycling track. I wish I had read it prior to undertaking the walk.

The author was the instigator of the trail that now boasts to be the longest continuous single-track in New Zealand and is based on an 1886 reconnaissance survey for a road from Mokihinui on the West Coast through Lyell.

Although walkers at present only represent 20% of the people who undertake the journey they are the ones that surely gain the most from the walk as they have time to appreciate the work and difficulties documented whilst the remaining 80% just try to survive the bike ride with bouts of super concentration.

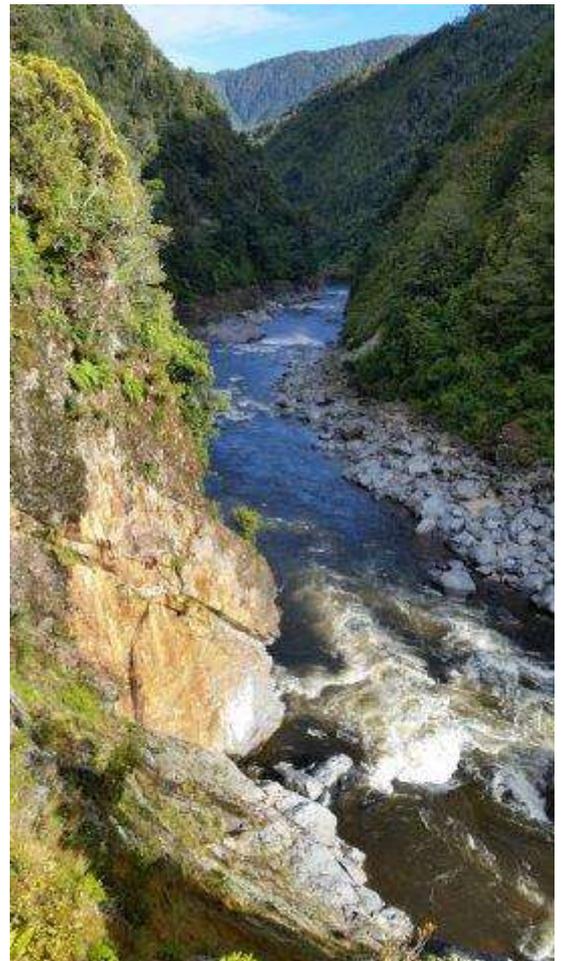
The book contains a great selection of colour photos of both the equipment, personnel (personalities) and terrain covered and gives a hint of the beauty that is there for the taking (photographically).

I recommend the book to anyone who is going to undertake the trail or even those who wonder how a trail can be constructed in this current century and what is involved.

What I missed by not reading the book prior to undertaking the walk was meeting and chatting with a workman who I subsequently learnt was Steven ‘Stacky’ Stack and on the

adjacent walking of The Heafy Track Richard Rossiter, neither were ghosts, but very instrumental in the making of the project.

Available from info@oldghostroad.org.au



The Mokihinui River

GOSSIP ON THE TRACK

Three of our members have been over in WA riding the Munda Biddi Trail, hopefully we shall get a report of their exploits.



Michael, Tony & Russell



Elephant Rock Cider

Two others have been on the Great Ocean Walk so here's hoping for a report of their efforts also. (This was gleaned from a Facebook posting!).

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CALENDAR

2017		
Oct 1st - 7th	Burra/Caroona/Gluepot Trip Base camping & Day walks	Contact: Peter 0458935239
4th	Meeting	
12th	'48 Yrs of Bushwalking Across Aust' Geoff Lay - Cnr 9th St & Olive Ave. at 8.00pm	Contact: Peter 0458935239
15th	Canoe Trip - Lake Bitterang, Hattah NP	Contact: Peter 0458935239
28th - 29th	Federation Walk Weekend - Warburton area www.fedwalks.org.au	Contact: Meryl/Karl 50227676
Nov 1st	Meeting	
TBA	Melb City to Walhalla Trek 7 Day Pack carrying Hike	Contact: Bill 0408231984
19th	Merbein Common Billabong Walk PLUS Morning tea at Kym's	Contact: Peter 0458935239
Dec 6th	Meeting	
Dec TBA	Christmas breakup River bank below Lock 10, Wentworth	Contact Peter 0458935239
2018		
March 3rd - 9th	Bike ride along the Western Vic Rail Trail Start from Maldon - ending Port Fairey	Contact: Peter 0458935239

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