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\$30 per Person
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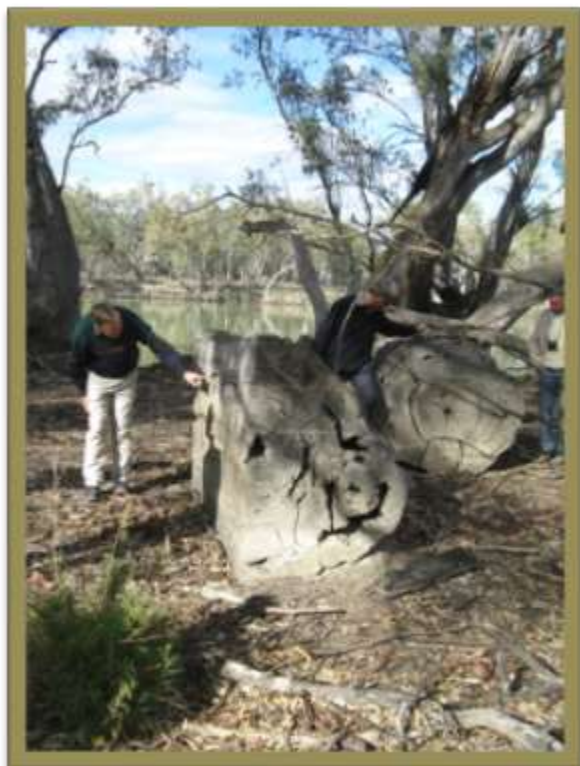


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Sunraysia Bushwalkers Mid Year Dinner 2015



Twenty kilometres west of Lake Victoria on the Cal Lal Road and adjacent to the Murray River sits the historical Kulcurna Homestead. The homestead was the chosen venue for the club's mid year dinner held on the weekend of the 18th & 19th July.

Blessed by good weather, 14 club members enjoyed an overnight stay and dinner. Belinda and Paul, the homestead's managers, welcomed members to the property and prepared for us a tasty fireside roast followed by a delicious apple crumble for dessert.

Some of the number enjoying the cosy warmth of an old converted water heater plus each other's company. (I wonder what sort of fish that was!).....Editor



The homestead is nestled on a sharp bend on the Murray River between Locks 6 and 7 opposite Lindsay Island. Quite tall, red cliffs provide a stunning back drop to the homestead as well as providing an ideal area for walking and viewing the horizon or the 40 pelicans on the river.

Members took advantage of the weather and surrounds to get in some walks both on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. This was planned of course so that we would have hearty appetites for the dinner and a chance to walk off the extra calories the next day.



The Old Renmark Road from Wentworth is well maintained so the journey to the homestead by participants went without incident. The road trip also provided the opportunity to view Lake Victoria and read about some of its history. After our meal Paul, our host, spoke of the history of the homestead, his family and items of interest in the general area such as the old route of the Cobb & Co coach service.



Local wildlife included the usual roos and emus and plenty of birdlife, especially pelicans. It is always interesting to watch a fleet (or is that 'squadron') of pelicans stalk their prey and move quietly in for the final plunge and resultant gulp.

All agreed the weekend was a success and an opportunity to relax and see more of our local area. The next mid-year is only a short year away.

The above report by Peter followed by Barb's report on the alternative route to Kulcurna

Roge & Barb, on their way home from a trip to Brisbane, had organized to join the rest of the Bushwalkers for their mid winter weekend.

Before departing my intrepid bushwalker had really not taken much notice of exactly how to find Kulcurna Station coming from the Renmark side of the border, but felt quite comfortable in the fact that the Navman would be able to direct us. His impatience to once again see his fellow bushwalkers saw us rush through the supermarket at Renmark to purchase some food for the weekend. It was sad to see that the new shopping complex on the outskirts of Renmark has rather decimated the shopping in the town centre.

Just before leaving Renmark the Navman was consulted and gave a list of the roads required to find our way out. After setting off all GPS functions vanished! So it was then up to Roger's memory to recall just where we had to go! Once again his great



sense of direction came to the fore and we managed to extricate ourselves from the back blocks of Renmark to the right side of the river from which to access Kulcurna Station.

On the way we were treated to the wonderful sight of a flock of 13 emus. The vegetation along the road side changed from low mallee, to high and quite dense mallee and also to a lovely stand of largish Murray Pines.

After some miles of straight dirt road we came to a fork in the road and decided to go take the right hand road. Our next decision was at a 'T' intersection without any signage other than the right hand road was a 'no through road.

We turned left and finally came across a man on a motorbike who, when asked, had no idea of the whereabouts of Kulcurna. So we continued on and finally reached Lake Victoria and enquired as to the Station's location. Kulcurna turned out to be located at the end of the no through road! A little bit of signage would be helpful out there in those there parts! The rest of the group had been given some updated directions just before they left Mildura so they had no trouble at all!



“Good walking leaves no track behind it.” - Lao Tsu

“Methinks that the moment my legs begin to move, my thoughts begin to flow.” - Henry David Thoreau

Aftermath of KulcurnaWeekend

We were set the task of bringing something to entertain us all over the weekend but due to other happenings failed to avail ourselves of what was on offer.

As a result I was lent “**101 Adventures that got me absolutely nowhere**” by Verna.

The opening paragraph of the introduction goes –

Just as the wind, rain, fire and heat have shaped this rugged landscape, life's experiences can shape a bloke and determine the way he is. On a good day we evolve, and on a bad day we can sometimes erode away a little bit.

A most amusing book by Phil O'Brien from ABC Books



Membership Renewals for 2016 are now due.

So far 13 renewals have been made.

\$30 per person

Payments to Treasurer, Karl



CALENDAR

2015		
August 5	Meeting	
August 8	Pink Lakes, Day Walks	Contact Roger 0488121648
August 19	Mid-week Walk	Contact Roger 0488121648
September 2	Meeting	
September 6	Nowingi, Day Walk	Contact Roger 0488121648
September 16	Mid-week Walk	Contact Roger 0488121648
October 7	Meeting	
October 24 -25	Federation Walks Weekend Daylesford & Hepburn Springs	Contact Roger 0488121648 (details in April newsletter)
October 31 – 3 Nov	Great South West Walk – 3 days with packs.	Contact Peter 50221898
November 16th	Overseas Walk – Patagonia South America	23 day walk, early indication of interest required. Contact the Club at: enquiries@sunbushwalk.net.au

Next Meeting
Wednesday 5th August at 8.00 pm
at Drysdale's
2164 Fifteenth Street,
Irymple