

“Get to know your neighbourhood walk”

Devilbend Reserve - 15th May 2021

A group of keen Landcare enthusiasts gathered on a cold, windy morning under the pergola at Devilbend Reserve to be greeted by an a well prepared, super knowledgeable Hansi Wegner. Hansi started off by telling us a bit of history of the area and the work that his Crew at Daangan have undertaken with an emphasis on their turtle program. He had some very good color photos to help explain and show the progress of their work.



We then set off across the dam and followed the lake around to one of the turtle nesting areas. Along the way, there was commentary and identification of the various flora including “weeds” along the path. We also learnt about the hay bales that are tied together and moved out into the lake to provide an area for the turtles to sun themselves and also as a refuge site from the shore-based predators, namely foxes.



We covered about 4 kms on the walk and the hot coffee and honey bread and ginger biscuits were both very welcomed back at the picnic area.

Many thanks to Hansi for volunteering his time to show us around, it was very much appreciated. It was a great walk with like-minded people which elicited many great conversations amongst us all.

Our next walk is on Saturday 14th August at Balbirooroo and we are very lucky to have as our guest speaker Larry Wakefield the Database Coordinator for Birdlife Australia, Mornington Peninsular. This walk is ideal for the whole family as we attempt to track down some of the 97 bird species found in the Wetlands.