

The weather was perfect and the people came



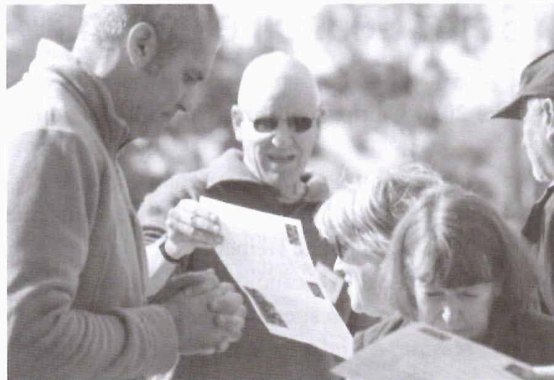
The annual Rushworth Wildflower Hunt was again held on Sunday 29 August. The weather held out and there were many wildflowers in bloom thanks to the rain, in particular the leopard orchid or golden guinea, the wax lip orchid, grevilleas and sundews. Some people were even lucky enough to spot the elusive greenhoods.

The guided botanical and bird walks were well attended and many people took the opportunity to do the self-guided cemetery tour while waiting for the guided walks to begin. Particularly popular was the tea and coffee stand at the half way point where many old friends who had not seen each other for quite a while caught up over a hot beverage.

wildflowers in bloom and the gold mining history still in situ in the forest.

Thank you

Thank you to all those attendees who came and supported the event, and the positive feedback the organising committee has received. A special thanks to all the volunteers and guides who, through their unpaid efforts and time, made this event possible and the Shire of Campaspe council for their monetary and logistical support. After such a great response this year, we will be again running the event the same time next year.



We had over 150 people attend this year, tripling our numbers from last year. In addition, 15 walkers from the Nagambie walking group took part in the walk on the preceding Friday as part of their regular monthly walk, and the feedback was that they were particularly impressed with the

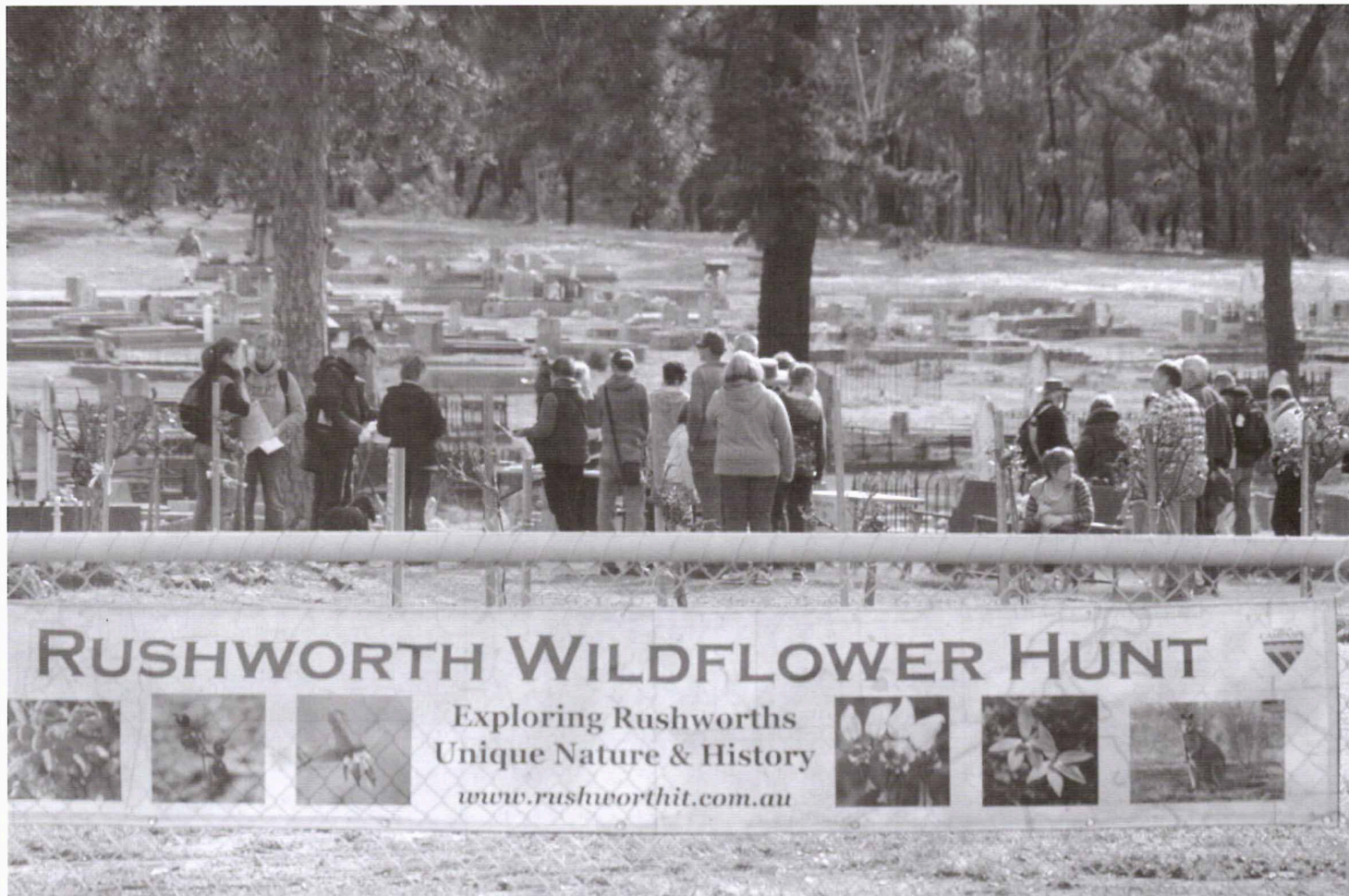
Top left: Checking out vegetation changes in the old quarry. **Top right:** the contrast between the very old Ironbark with its curving lines and straight, younger ones.

Above: Hunt organisers, Nick Buzza and Tony Ford, hand out maps to participants.

Right: No, it isn't a really big funeral, its the cars of people taking part in the Wildflower Hunt 2016. The Hunt started from the Rushworth Cemetery and took a route north-west of there with a mid-point on Perry Road.



The 2016 Wildflower Hunt finds treasures



Top: The banner says it all as the walkers register for the Hunt.

Above: Taking a well needed refreshment break at the halfway point.

Above right: Rob English learns some valuable bush folklore from Chief Perry.

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