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Hunting for wildflowers in Rushworth

Last Saturday saw the launch of the first in a series of walks/bike rides in and around Rushworth.

Participants had the options of a 14 or 18 km ride, and a 7 km walk in the ironbark forest to the south of Rushworth.

The event was planned by the Maps to Apps group, which is going to launch other walks/rides in the coming months and years. These activities will bring visitors to the town, as well as acquainting locals with the wonderful environment in which we live.

Lots of information was available to walkers and riders on the local flora in particular, and although the wildflower season is somewhat late, and limited, because of the dry year, there was much to be discovered. There were several species of wattle out, spectacular in their different stages of flowering. Various shrubs were coming into flower, and for the careful observer, wildflowers, including orchids, could be found.



Ready to set off: Elmore visitors Meg and Brad Doller ready for the walk with their children



An 'all ages' activity

Age of participants ranged from twins under one, to school age students, to gung-ho cyclists to some old fellas in their 70s. It was heart-warming to see the exchange of conversation, good humour and information between such a diverse group of participants.

Maps of the walk/ride are still available on the website www.rushworthit.com.au. Although the signage from the inaugural activity has been removed, the maps are intended to be able to be used so that you can do self-guided walks or rides.

Look out for the release of further ride/walk options in the future. If you would like more information about the Maps to Apps group, contact Nick Buzza on 0423658245 or email nbuzza@yahoo.com