



## Steels Creek Clamberers

### Walk Report

Name of Walk	Pont Nepean National Park - Quarantine Station and Cheviot Hill
Date of Walk	Saturday 25th August 2012
Length of Walk	About 9.5kilometres
Weather	Cool breeze with rain threatening, improving to sunny patches
Leader of Walk.	David & Robyn Allan

Track notes, points of interest. We had hoped to drive into the park as far as Gunners Cottage, to enable a walk to the Forts at Point Nepean, with possible return by tractor 'train'. However, the train has been discontinued and roadwork prevented any car access into the park. So after inspecting the displays in the visitor centre, Plan B saw us walk from the visitor Centre to the Quarantine Station where we spent some time in the Quarantine Museum. We then walked along Coles Track to the Cattle Jetty then across to Gunner's Cottage for lunch. The cottage was open, but there seemed to be an unfortunate lack of any information about its history. After lunch we walked along the main road to the Cheviot Hill turn off, and climbed the hill to the old gun emplacements overlooking Cheviot Beach. Cheviot Beach was the site of a significant ship wreck and also the disappearance of Prime Minister Harold Holt in 1967. From Cheviot Hill we explored old army camp remains in 'Happy Valley' before walking on to the Rifle Range and back to the main road. We then returned along the main road to the Visitor Centre. Seven walkers and a not too difficult a walk, with plenty of historical interest. It is understood that the road works should be completed soon and that car access to Gunner's Cottage car park will again be available. A shuttle bus will replace the tractor 'train' in future.