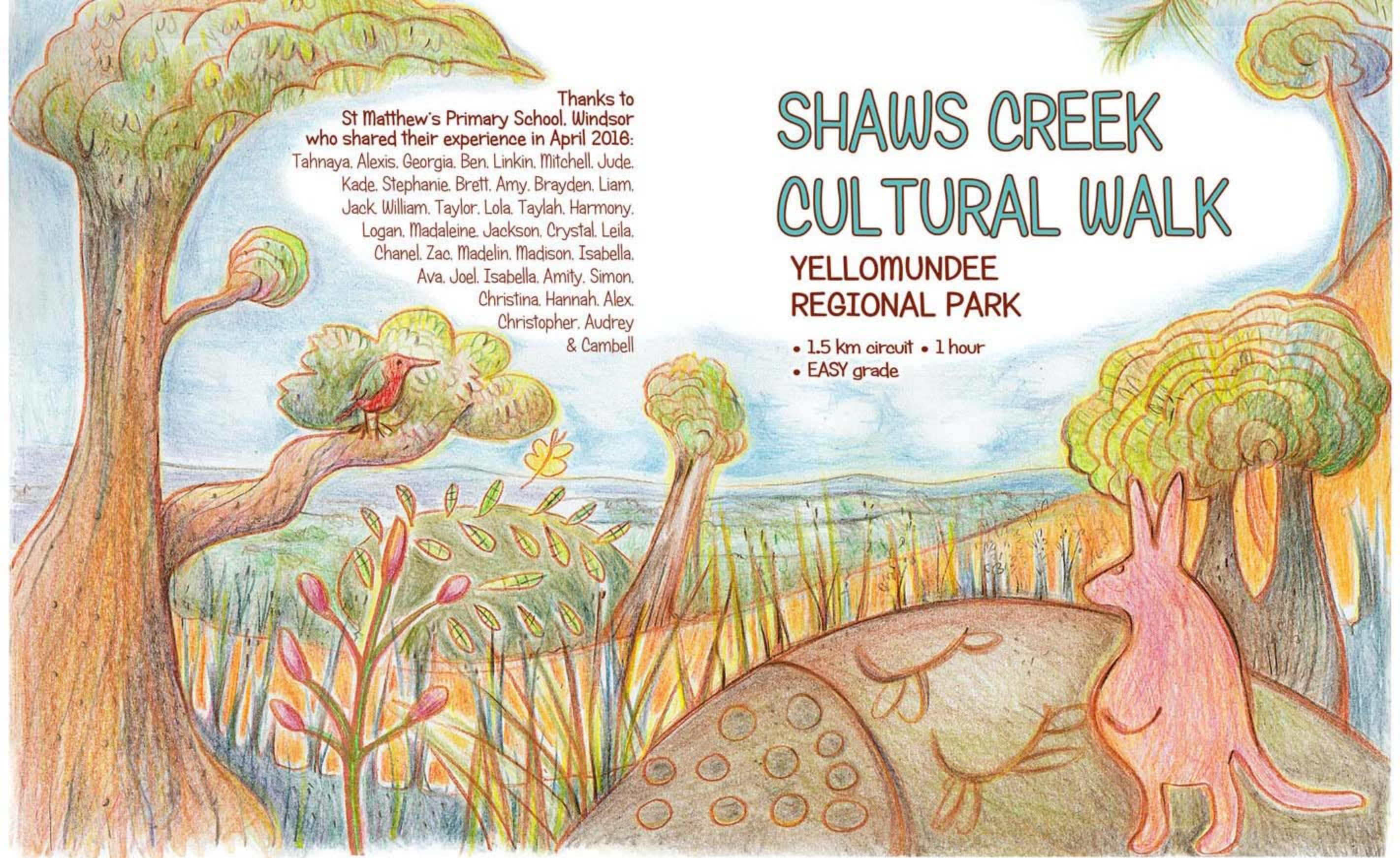


SHAWS CREEK CULTURAL WALK

YELLOMUNDEE REGIONAL PARK

- 1.5 km circuit • 1 hour
- EASY grade

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WHAT TO BRING IN YOUR BACKPACK

- a bottle of water
- plenty of snacks
- warm clothes in winter
- small plastic bag for rubbish
- small first aid kit could be useful
- wear a hat, sunscreen and enclosed walking shoes
- pencils for drawing
- small torch, raincoat, camera

HELP PROTECT SHAWS CREEK ABORIGINAL PLACE

Shaws Creek is declared an Aboriginal Place because it is of significance to Aboriginal culture. Please help to preserve our precious natural and cultural heritage and remember all Aboriginal sites, animals and plants are protected. Don't walk on Aboriginal engraving sites or touch rock art. Don't remove artefacts. Be respectful of Aboriginal elders.

BUSH TRACKER SAFETY

Safe Bush Trackers are prepared and know your track and take your map

- Ask permission from an adult and let them know where you are walking and when you return
- **Don't go near cliff edges** and stay behind safety fences.

MINIMAL IMPACT BUSH TRACKING

means you try to do no damage at all to the environment so that someone following you could not tell you had been there. Take nothing but photos, leave nothing behind:

- always keep to the track & tread softly & quietly
- don't pick the flowers or plants in the bush
- be gentle and careful if you touch things (don't touch snakes and spiders!)
- carry your rubbish out with you
- Bush Trackers walk in small groups (4-15 people)

The Bush Trackers program helps engage children and families in nature. Bush Trackers helps create a child friendly community and grew from support of the Stronger Families Alliance (www.strongerfamilies.co). The Bush Trackers team work with local councils and NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service Discovery Rangers to guide school kids aged 8-10 years old on a local bushwalk, enjoying nature play, learning about natural and cultural heritage and encouraging the kids to share their experience through words, poems, drawings and photos. PerformingDesign use these to create the map and guide to encourage other kids and families to safely enjoy the bush.

For more information, tips and maps go to: www.bushtrackers.com.au; www.wildwalks.com; www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au.
We respectfully acknowledge the Darug Aboriginal custodians of this place.

The Kangaroo Rock is a big rock that has a mum kangaroo and a joey in the pouch. Aboriginal people carved this onto the rock and made it look really cool. Please don't write on the rock or walk on the rock or walk on the flowing river. Sharp edges worn away.

SHAWS CREEK CULTURAL WALK - Yellomundee Regional Park - Easy grade - 1.5 km circuit - 1 hour

Explore this historically rich and naturally beautiful walk on the western bank of the Nepean River in the heart of the Yellomundee Regional Park. The Park was named after a Clever man and Chief of the Darug people, Yarramundi. Shaws Creek is a declared Aboriginal Place because it is of significance to Aboriginal culture and was a special meeting and camping place for Aboriginal people with plenty of water, wildlife, fish and yams. You can discover artefacts, rock art caves and engravings on this cultural walk. You'll walk where Aboriginal camps suffered tragedy and loss during the early days of settlement, where ex-convicts farmed and explore the ruins of the old Shaws Farm house. Shaws Creek has ancient landform features, special eucalypt forests and is habitat for many species of birds and animals. Look out for owls, parrots, honey eaters and after dusk, a greater glider or wallaby. Yellomundee is also home to frogs and reptiles like the goanna and keep an eye out for snakes!

We all give our thanks and respect to the Darug Aboriginal Traditional Custodians and their ancestors for looking after this special place.



Clearly, it was so cool! See it more often. At Yellomundee Regional Park Aboriginal people help us learn about the bush. Did you know that every plant has two names. Lomandra has medicine inside itself.

Look can you find these plants?



The bush was handled with fire by the Aboriginal people. They would make a fire and light the grass. Feel the stone, is it warm or cool?



Aboriginal sport games. One was like soccer. They would use their soccer ball and stuff it with grass and this was their soccer ball. Touch bark, leaves, rocks, moss, rushes and sedges. Hug a tree. Things not to touch: snake holes, fungi, spiders, insects.



- point of interest
- walking track
- waterway
- road
- bridge
- locked gate
- maintenance road
- parking (start or finish)

Smoothed by rubbing together in the flowing river. Sharp edges worn away. Write words that describe what you see, hear or feel (adjectives).

Listen how many different bird calls can you hear? Listen to the Casuarina's whispering in the wind - eyes closed.

Under the Kangaroo Rock is a cave - when passing say hello. Can you guess who lives here?

Look If you are quiet & look carefully you might see some creatures. It doesn't mean it is your aunty it is just nice to say hello.

Find these animals and tick the box. Hear the birds - shiny grasses - sparkling water - hear the birds - paint made from special rocks - mixed with water.

