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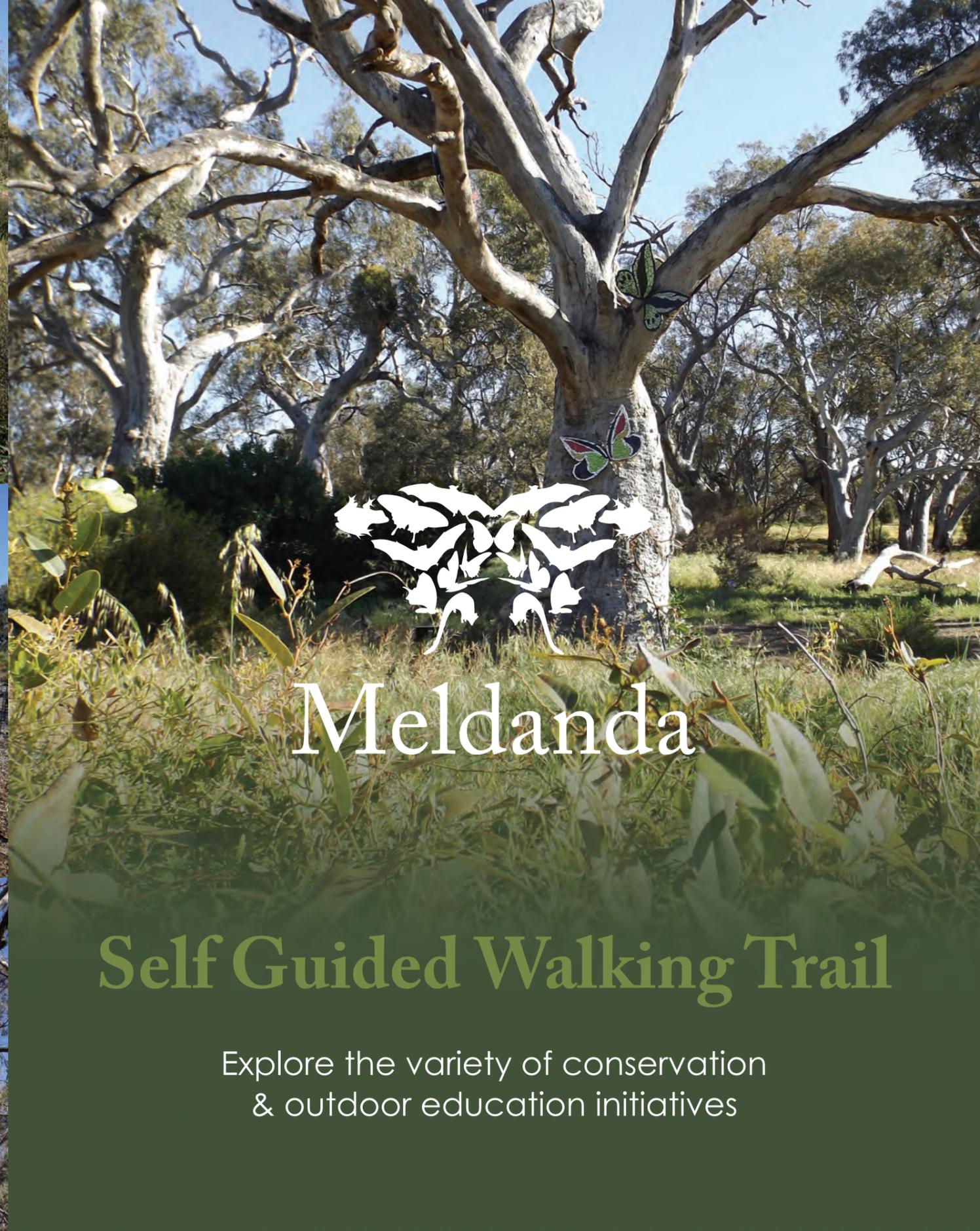
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# Meldanda

## Self Guided Walking Trail

Explore the variety of conservation & outdoor education initiatives

This project is supported by the South Australian Murray-Darling Basin Natural Resources Management Board, through funding from the NRM levy





## Working together to preserve our local flora and fauna

Please enjoy Meldanda, and be inspired to think about the ways you could protect the wildlife and flora in your own back yard.

1. **Carpark** - Big enough for coach/bus parking and drive through
2. **Meldanda Community Bushgardens:** In 2006 work began on this 5 acre site to create a botanical garden representing local indigenous plant communities. The garden is home to current and future sculpture displays.
3. **Butterfly Garden** - The butterfly garden is situated on the banks of the River Marne, and with assistance from the Butterfly Conservation SA Inc. we are endeavouring to provide specific habitats, food and host plants for those butterflies that we could expect to find in the district. Mosaic butterflies created by Cambrai School adorn the garden.
4. **Bat Island** - Bat Island currently has 30 habitat boxes on 6 Redgum trees. These are monitored with inspector cameras on a monthly basis to assess usage. There is also a long term bat monitoring station that records bat activity for the 10 different species at the site.
5. **The Hub of Meldanda** - is comprised of a large furnished shed with a kitchen. Tables, chairs and a whiteboard, accommodate small groups for meetings and workshops. Solar power provides limited 240v power into the main building. There is an outdoor gas BBQ, camping area and fire pit adjoining toilets close by. These facilities are for hire. Contact Cambrai School.

6. **Large Camping Area** - Situated next to the Marne River. This area is designed for large groups requiring tent space (tents are available for hire).
7. **Beach volley ball** - equipment available.
8. **Fire Retardant Display Garden** - This garden was planted in 2015. A pamphlet is available at the entrance informing visitors how to make their garden more resistant to damaging bushfires.
9. **Frog Pond** - The frog pond is an on-going project. The pond is evolving from a permanent water hold to a damp bog area suitable for frogs and butterflies.
10. **Mermaid Lake and bird hide** - What once was an excavated sheep watering dam, spring fed when sufficient water runs in the River Marne, is now a semi permanent body of water complete with jetty and bird hide from which to view birds visiting the peaceful spot. A location for water watch activities.
11. **Frisbee Golf** - A recently developed addition to Meldanda. Thanks to a donation from SA Scouts of frisbee golf assets and several extended visits from the SA Frisbee Golf Association who have plotted a course.
12. **Bushtucker Garden** - The garden has native bush foods/use plants and also forms a trail of discovery around the property. It is also the home to the Aboriginal inspired Coolamon Sculpture with bush foods.

13. **Spiny Daisy Nursery** - Two sites are being established at Meldanda to provide protection for a critically endangered plant called spiny daisy (*Acanthocladium dockeri*). We will give home to clones which if necessary can be a future source of plant material to help maintain its existence in the wild.
14. **Native Grass Seed Orchard** - Established in 2015 thanks to the Marginal to Mainstream: Rejuvenating Productive Pastures in the Murraylands, a project supported by the SAMDBNRM Board through funding from the Australian Government. The adjoining paddock to the nursery is being developed into native grass pasture and with this demonstration we hope to inspire more native grassland farming and in turn be able to supply seed from our orchard to sell to interested land owners.
15. **Broombush Production Area** - With one small area of broombush established and further plantings in their infancy we currently harvest material for projects around Meldanda such as the birdhide and in the future, we would like to harvest for a commercial product. There is also scope for other commercial opportunities.



Contact Cambrai School on 8564 5028 to find out more about how you can use Meldanda as an education tool for your school or community group.

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