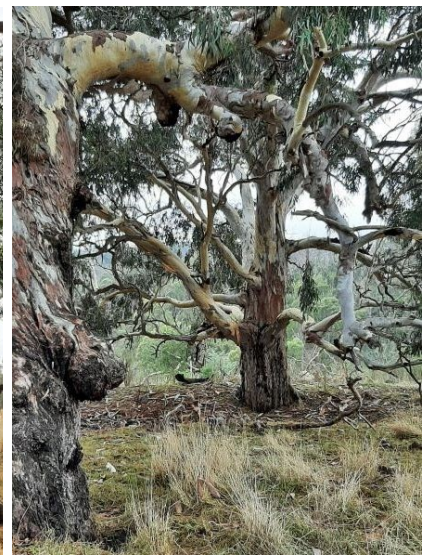


## PLENTY GORGE SOUTH

A recent U3A ramble at Plenty Gorge (south end) proved to be an interesting day's outing. (approx. 8km walk) Plenty Gorge, on the northern fringes of suburban Melbourne, still retains a number of historic references, despite the ever encroaching housing and commercial developments of Janefield and University Hill. Some intrepid walkers explored the gorge slopes to look for remains of Coulstock's Mill. (Internet articles are worth reading to find Coulstock's story) We followed the Cobb & Co track to discover stone paving laid approximately 180 years ago, and wondered how the coaches and horses could possibly have managed the steep terrain. Finally, we fossicked in the bush to discover remains of the RAAF 1940s wartime training campsite.



Magnificent River Red Gums – some probably 100s of years old



Suburbia encroaches



Wetlands created as part of the development



Basalt boulders



Wetlands





Intrepid U3A explorers



Plenty Valley landscape



Further intrepid exploration



Cobb & Co trail



Plenty river tributary now called University Hill creek!



Exploring the wetlands