

Malabar Headland National Park

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I joined three NPA members to check the eastern section of Malabar Headland National Park today. I have walked it long ago, before it was even in the national park and I have definitely not seen the new track!!!! I thought the RAC might also like to see it.





Retention pond dealing with leachates from the tip



Part of the new signage



And that new track!!!!



Amazing rock formations



Surely a “snow leopard”







Waiting for the birds



No, not them!!!!



That one!



One of our members did have to talk someone out of flying drones over the nesting birds on one occasion.





Now that's better!



And even a pod of dolphins



A part of the remnant coastal vegetation communities of Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub growing on Pleistocene sand



A lot of fishing off this coast





Delightful Dampiera



But for me it was time to head home, via the military installations on this much-modified headland.



The tunnel underneath, part of the military heritage of the site, is closed to protect a colony of Bent wing bats!¹

¹ *Miniopterus orianae oceanensis*





One of the old gun placements²



² On Boora Point are the remains of a coastal defence establishment constructed in 1943. There are remains of concrete walls of two gun emplacements with associated rooms and tramway tunnels, northern and southern searchlight blockhouses and engine rooms, a battery observation post and associated barracks and toilet blocks. There is a rare example of 15-centimetre (6 in) Mark XII gun mountings. There are remnants and sites of many other structures and a sandstone lined cutting of a tramway



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