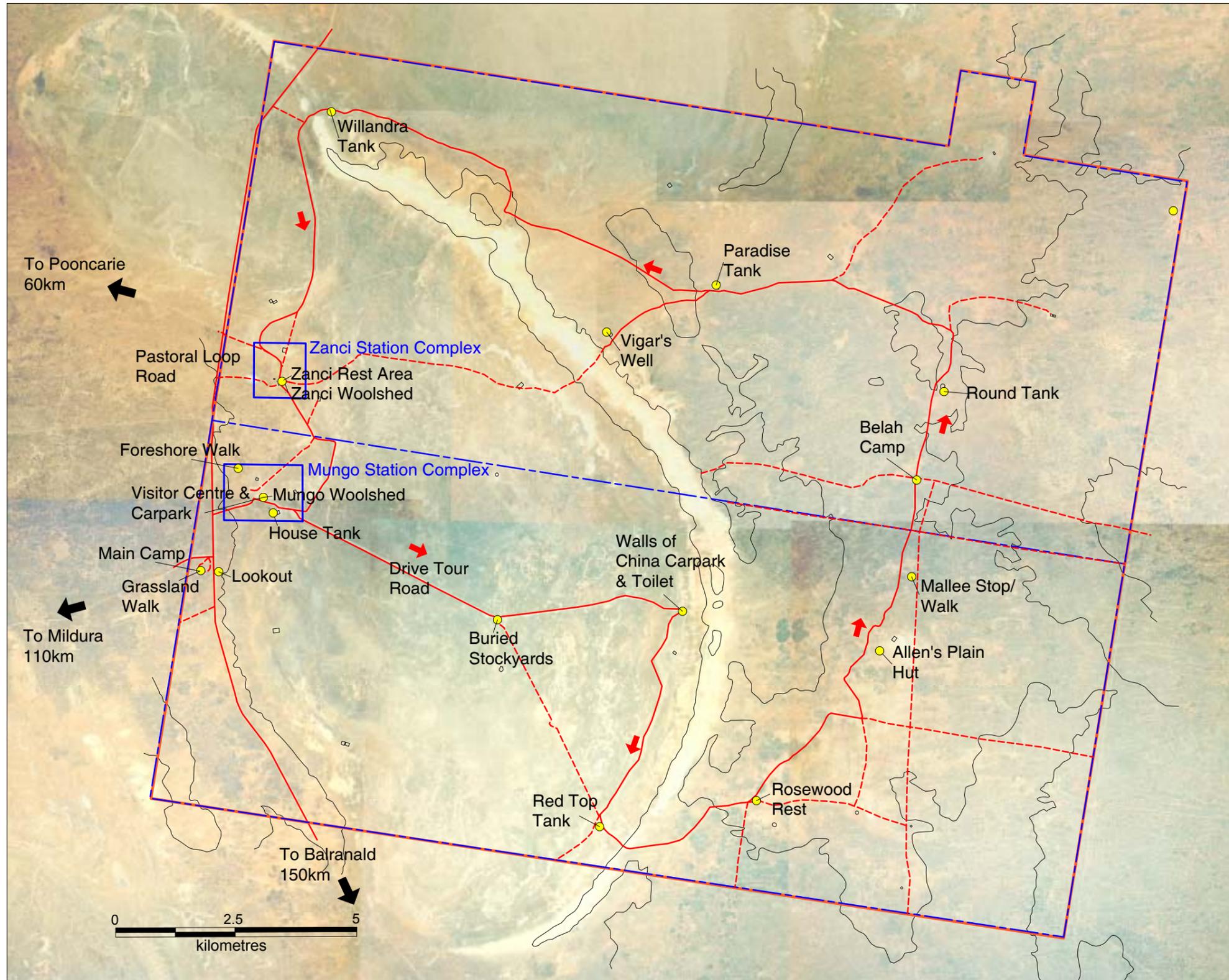


Appendix G

Visitor Facilities Map, Drive Tour and Walking Track Audit



- Mungo National Park Boundary
- - - Mungo and Zanci Station Property Boundaries
- Mungo and Zanci Station Complex Boundaries
- Tourist Self-Drive Tour Loop Road (One way road shown with arrows)
- - - NPWS Service Tracks

Cross reference plan to attached text regarding tour audits.



Visitor Facilities, Drive Tour and Walking Tracks.

Appendix G Mungo National Park Drive Tour and Walking Tracks Audit

1.0 Drive Tour

Mileage	Stop/Sign	Interpretive Feature	Comments
	Visitor Carpark	Visitor registration, day use facilities, interpretive displays, distribution point for drive tour information	Identification signage of Visitor Centre could be improved
0.0km	Stop No. 1	Woolshed	The Woolshed has its own stand-alone interpretation to self-guide visitors who walk around the site. Drive Tour notes encourage visitors to look through the building
0.0km	Drive Tour Interpretive sign 1	In the Backblocks of NSW	Explanation of the spread of settlement, regional exploration; history of Gol Gol, government acquisition and World Heritage status registration; maps
0.0km	Interpretive sign 2	Our Road to Understanding Mungo	Sponsorship of Mungo National Park Interpretation by BHP (corporate) and NPWS Foundation; historical summary of history of Lake Mungo
0.2km	Tank		No interpretation; although bus tours take groups off the main road to look at tank and Chinese ruins
0.3km	Stop No. 2	Rabbit proof fence	Construction in 1900s during rabbit plague
0.4km	Traffic meter; road division		Two way traffic to Walls of China on hard packed unsealed section with loose gravel
0.9km	Stop No. 3	Saltbush	Warning to motorists re wildlife crossing
5.5km	Stop No. 4	Stockyards	
	Stop No. 5	Bluebush Views of Walls of China	
6.6km	Interpretive sign	Lunette.... How it grew	Diagrammatic explanation of formation of lunettes and extent of dune systems

Mileage	Stop/Sign	Interpretive Feature	Comments
9.3km	Directional signage to Walls of China car park	Walls of China	Boardwalk not mentioned on Drive Tour notes Drive Tour around park starts from this point. Directional signage to Belah Camp; 18.3km and Visitor Centre 49.7km. Information sign prohibits coaches and dogs. Reminder of safety information would be appropriate at this point.
10.2km	Stop No. 6	Alluvial fans formed on eroding lunette; and sandhill wattles	
11.8km			Sharp left hand turn to the track to the Grand Canyon; no longer signposted to discourage visitors
12.2km	Stop No. 7	Lagoon formation	Explanation of the formation of a lagoon in an area which reads today as a depression in the now dry lake bed
12.4km	Interpretive sign	What's Left in the Planet	Explanation of vegetation degradation of landscape from grazing
14.0km	Stop No. 8	Rosewood and bluebush	
14.4km	Speed limit sign 40km/hour		
14.7km	Stop No. 9	Red Top Tank	Sides of tank are being removed for road fill; tanks being demolished to discourage wildlife habitats. A bird identification sign should be considered here
15.4km	Stop No. 10 Interpretive sign	Bones and Stones	Explanation of erosion process and exposure of archaeological sites. Reference to the birth of Christ should be reconsidered
15.7km	Stop No. 11	Sand dune formation Rabbit treatment area 89/90	

Mileage	Stop/Sign	Interpretive Feature	Comments
16.5km	Stop No. 12	Ecotone site	Explanation of merging Belah/Rosewood plant communities
16.8km	Interpretive sign at Rosewood Rest	Lands of Boom and Bust	Adaptation of species, kangaroo identification, diagram of water-seeking root systems of plants
17.0km	Stop No. 14	Sugarwood	Habitat for kangaroos; wedge-tailed eagles nest in belah tree to right
18.2km	Gate posts		Tracks leading off to left and right are marked no entry
21.4km	Stop No. 15 Speed limit sign 30km/hour	Red dune country	
23.5km	Stop No. 17 Interpretive sign	Allen's Plain Hut Where Sheep May Safely Graze	Explanation of the role of the shepherd, importance of wells and tanks. Allen spelt on drive tour notes, Allan on sign – who was Allen?
25.4km	Speed limit sign 30km Road narrows through Mallee country		
25.7km	Stop No. 18 Interpretive sign	Mallee Stop The Mallee Country	Identification of flora and fauna of mallee country with drawings Mallee Walk begins here
26.0km	Stop No. 19	Gate posts	Fence line between Mungo and Zanci stations
27.2km	Stop No. 20	Fire trail	Identification of fire trail established after 1974 fires
27.6km	Stop No. 21	Belah Camp	
28.5km	Stop No. 22	Dune crossing	Identification of mallee and porcupine grass
29.8km	Stop No. 23	Round Tank	Feral goat trap, established by NPWS
33.5km		Gateposts	

Mileage	Stop/Sign	Interpretive Feature	Comments
33.7km	Stop No. 24	Belah and Rosewood country	Explanation of degradation
34.8km		Fenceline and remains of gateposts	
35.8km	Speed limit sign 40km/hour		
36.0km	Stop No. 25	Paradise Tank	Artificial watering point for stock, now used by kangaroos and feral animals
36.0km (plus 2.7km into Vigars Well)	Stop No. 26 Interpretive sign	By the Light of Cobb & Co	Explanation of coach and bullock routes over dunes; Vigars Well has no interpretation; cart tracks mentioned but not identified. Issue requires discussion.
45.6km	Stop No. 27	Road division between Mungo and Leagher Lakes	Exit to main road
45.3km	Stop No. 28 Interpretive sign	Inter-lake area Living Sites	Real estate style billboard explaining benefits of lake frontage; identification of rich archaeological deposits in this area and Aboriginal spirituality of site.
45.6km		Fence posts and fencing wire	
45.7km		Fence post	
45.8km	Speed limit sign 40km		
45.9km		Gate post	
48.7km	Stop No. 29	Bluebush	Ridges along lunettes identified
49.7km	Stop No. 30 Interpretive sign	Willandra Tank How does Water get to Mungo?	Explanation of channel diversion for water movement from Willandra Creek to Mungo
50.3km	Stop No. 31 Interpretive sign	Mungo lunette From Nowhere to Nowhere	Sand colour change
51.2km	Stop No. 32	Lake floor, bluebush	Land used for grazing

Mileage	Stop/Sign	Interpretive Feature	Comments
53.7km	Stop No. 33	Spear grass and bluebush	Cloud and light effects
55.1km	Stop No. 34	Ancient sand spit	
56.2km	Stop No. 35	Zanci Tank	Explanation of trial regeneration plots
56.6km	Stop No. 36 Interpretive sign	Zanci Homestead	Insufficient interpretation of former Zanci homestead complex, barn, outbuildings, woolshed
58.0km	Stop No. 37	Mungo lake bed	
61.1km	Stop No. 38	Mungo Woolshed	
63.2km	Stop No. 39 Interpretive signs	Lookout	Final point on tour is the lookout over the lakebed.

2.0 Foreshore Walk

Sign	Theme	Comments
Interpretive sign 1	Identification of black bluebush and copperburr	The signage for the Grassland Walk provides a good introduction to the biodiversity of the park and is a helpful guide to the identification of the wildlife. The diagrams are easy to understand and correspond well to the actual item.
Interpretive sign 2	Ancient lake bed	
Interpretive sign 3	Earth tanks	
Interpretive sign 4	Erosion	
Interpretive sign 5	Ancient workshop/claypan	
Interpretive sign 6	Vegetation as indicator of change in landscape from clay to sand	The signs are made of photo-etched metal attached to metal posts. The placement of signs anticipates the sort of questions that a visitor might pose as they undertake the walk.
Interpretive sign 7	Regeneration of Cypress Pine through control of weeds and rabbits	
Interpretive sign 8	Views to distant Walls of China description of formation	The directional signage, a metal arrow sign mounted on a timber post, is easy to follow and is unobtrusive.
Interpretive sign 9	Kangaroo resting 'wallows'	
Interpretive sign 10	Ecotone, junction of plant species	The walk wanders through several different types of landscape and is a very pleasant experience.
Interpretive sign 11	Fire adaptation of plants	
Interpretive sign 12	Effects on plants from grazing and weed attack	This is one of the earliest interpretive trails in the park and the content and design should be reviewed. The current labels show signs of wear and damage.
Interpretive sign 13	Identification of kangaroo species	
Interpretive sign 14	Bird identification	
Interpretive sign 15	Insect identification	

3.0 Grassland Walk

Sign	Feature	Message/Comments
		This is one of the first walks to have been signposted. It is poorly identified and the start does not give a directional indication. The signs are worn and damaged and need to be replaced.
Stop 1	Cypress Pine	Explanation of four different species
Stop 2	Rosewood	Grows with Belah, stock feeding give it the "raised skirt" appearance
Stop 3	Belah	Drought tolerant species which grows on loamy calcareous soil; depressions underneath trees where kangaroos rest during heat of the day
Stop 4	Leafless cherry, wilga	Explanation of plant parasites. Need to review botanical information and nomenclature
Stop 5	Termite nest	Mound is vegetated and difficult to pick out
Stop 6	Copperburrs	Label does not clearly identify copperburr from bluebush
Stop 7	Black bluebush	Drought tolerant species, stock feed
Stop 8	Belah habitat	Home to bird communities
Stop 9	Burrows	Rabbit damage and control measures
Stop 10	Regeneration problems	Fire damage to pines
Stop 11	Boundary fence along firetrail	How fire trail works
Stop 12	Desert Broombush	

4.0 Woolshed Tour

Sign	Theme	Comments
		The woolshed interpretation signage has two different label styles and both are in need of updating. The content provides a good summary of how the building operated. Additional interpretation such as sound could be considered, but it would be regrettable if the evocative atmosphere was lost.

Sign	Theme	Comments
Introduction	Construction	Does not explain significance or rarity/representativeness.
Sign 1	Underground tank	Explanation of how it works and current status. Site needs remedial works and conservation. Potential visitor safety problem.
Sign 2	Paddock fence	
Sign 3	Pens and jetting race	
Sign 4	Atmosphere	
Sign 5	Description of classing and baling	Significance of shed in original condition explained here. Identification of movable objects, machinery.
Sign 6	Operation	Explanation of how the shearing shed operated with identification of significant elements and the impact of technology on how sheep were shorn.

Sign	Feature	Message	Recommendation
Directional Sign located outside the front of the Woolshed.	Mungo woolshed;	Sign directs visitors to woolshed walking tour via the sheep years, and links site to Drive Tour;	A variety of signage styles are used. A clear hierarchy and style are required.
Interpretive sign 1 located outside the Woolshed	Drop log construction	Form and extent of woolshed complex	Signs 1–6 are photo-etched metal signs overlaid with perspex cover bolted at corners; supported on upright metal plinth. This set of interpretive signs is in poor condition and needs updated presentation.

Sign	Feature	Message	Recommendation
Interpretive sign 2	Underground tank	Operational information, current status and condition	Present condition is explained but feature presents potential visitor safety threat. Structure requires remedial work.
Interpretive sign 3	Paddock fence	Design and operational features	Introduce low key sheep sounds
Interpretive sign 4	Pens and jetting race	Operational features	Equipment requires stabilisation treatment.
Interpretive sign 5	Atmosphere	Evocative	Current presentation conveys impression of isolation and abandonment. Future interpretation might consider low key sounds of shearing shed in operation.
Interpretive sign 6	Shearing	Explanation of process and value of shed in original condition	Prevent over-interpretation which would detract from the experience. Movable heritage items in situ are important features.

