

## Wednesday Walk – Uriarra Road Reserve – 3 August 2016

A chatty and rugged (well-rugged up) group commenced the walk from Uriarra Road, then followed a track that appears on the Territory Plan as the very edge of proposed urban development for Prospect/Denman. Hopefully the construction won't overspill in what is a very floristically diverse area. Today's route was undulating, rising to the top of a hill with stunning views over new urban development to the south-east but also rural areas to the north, before descending to and crossing a watercourse, with a flat section through woodland taking us back to the start.

Lots of collaborative list ticking early on through regenerating forest dominated by *Eucalyptus macrorhyncha*, *E. goniocalyx* and *E. rossii*, with a shrubby understorey containing *Kunzea ericoides*, *Dillwinia sericea*, *D. phyllicoides* (in bud), a small leaved-version of *Pultenaea procumbens*, and grasses such as *Rhytidosperma pallidum*, *Aristida ramosa* and *Poa sieberiana* (*meionectes*?). Splashes of purple *Hovea heterophylla* and bright yellow *Acacia gunnii* were admired. Morning tea was on a sun-drenched rocky outcrop mimicking a garden with masses of *Lomandra longiflora*, unfortunately within a Future Urban Area. We turned westwards along a side trail (into the Future Hills, Ridges and Buffer area), where we were entranced by stunning massed displays of cream and pink tinged *Cryptandra* sp. *Floriferous*, alternating with shaggy white *Leucopogon attenuatus*. These two species covered a substantial area and were encountered in patches during the rest of the walk.

After lunch we descended into an emerging forest of chubby *Callitris endlicheri* (a new addition to the list) where our chattiness was an advantage, being unable to see each other if more than five metres apart. Mixed within the understorey were previously mentioned shrubs and *Acacia buxifolia*, *Leucopogon fletcheri*, *Brachyloma daphnoides* and *Rhytidosperma pallidum* (mentioned because the spent flower stems were as tall as Helen). Under the burnt and damaged trunks of hard to identify eucalypts we discussed promiscuity and ring-ins, finding unusual combinations of eucalypt features and eucalypts outside their range. Avoiding our legs tangling in *Leptospermum multicaule* and being perplexed by mixed stands of *E. blakelyi* and/or/maybe *E. rossii*, we made it back to our cars. In short, there were amazing massed flowers, many fungi, lots of orchid leaves and rosettes (new to the list). For images below: KN = Kris Nash and BW = Brigitta Wimmer



*Acacia gunnii*, KN



*Cryptandra* sp. *Floriferous*, KN



Masses of *Leucopogon attenuatus*, KN



*Hovea heterophylla*, KN



*Hovea heterophylla* close-up, BW



Mixed *Cryptandra* sp. *Floriferous* and *Leucopogon attenuatus*, KN



*Leptospermum obovatum* capsule, BW



Coral fungus, KN



Sporulating Liverwort, BW

## Plant List for Uriarra Road Reserve - 3 August 2016

? indicates that those present were unsure of the plant name

Acacia buxifolia	Goodenia hederacea
Acacia dealbata	Hibbertia obtusifolia
Acacia gunnii	Hovea heterophylla
Acacia implexa	Hydrocotyle laxiflora
Acacia mearnsii	Hypericum japonicum
Acacia rubida	Juncus sp.
Aristida ramosa	Kunzea ericoides
Austrostipa densiflora	Lepidosperma laterale
Austrostipa scabra ssp. falcata	Leptospermum brevipes
Bothriochloa macra	Leptospermum multicaule
Brachyloma daphnoides	Leptospermum obovatum
Callitris endlicheri	Leucopogon attenuatus
Carex appressa	Leucopogon fletcheri ssp. brevisepalus
Cassinia arcuata	Lomandra filiformis ssp. coriacea
Cassinia longifolia	Lomandra filiformis ssp. filiformis
Cassinia quinquefaria	Lomandra longifolia
Cassytha sp.	Lomandra multiflora
Cheilanthes austrotenuifolia	Luzula densiflora
Chrysocephalum apiculatum	Melichrus urceolatus
Chrysocephalum semipapposum	Microlaena stipoides
Crassula sp.	Microtis sp.
Cryptandra sp. Floriferous	Panicum effusum
Cymbonotus lawsonianus	Persoonia rigida
Cymbopogon refractus	Poa meionectes
Daviesia mimosoides	Pterostylis sp. (greenhood rosettes)
Dianella revoluta	Pultenaea procumbens
Dillwynia phyllicoides	Rhytidosperma sp.
Dillwynia sericea	Rhytidosperma carphoides
Drosera sp.	Rhytidosperma pallidum
Einadia nutans	Senecio sp.
Eriochilus sp.	Senecio quadridentatus
Eucalyptus blakelyi	Solanum cinereum
Eucalyptus bridgesiana	Solenogyne dominii
Eucalyptus dives	Stypantra glauca
Eucalyptus goniocalyx	Thelymitra sp.
Eucalyptus macrorhyncha	Themeda triandra
Eucalyptus nortonii	Thysanotus patersonii
Eucalyptus rossii	Triptilodiscus pygmaeus
Eucalyptus rubida	Vittadinia cuneata
Eucalyptus viminalis	Vittadinia muelleri
Exocarpos cupressiformis	Wahlenbergia stricta
Geranium sp.	Wurmbea dioica
Gompholobium huegelii	Xerochrysum viscosum
Gonocarpus tetragynus	