

Wednesday Walk — Bruce Ridge from Purdie St — 07 September 2016

In August 2014, the Wednesday Walkers wandered around Bruce Ridge and after reading that report, today's repeat of the walk could very well be a repeat of the report. The vegetation is mostly dry sclerophyll forest (*Eucalyptus rossii*, *E. mannifera*, *E. macrorhyncha*) with either a grassy (*Rytidosperma pallidum*) or a shrubby understorey.

Similar things were in flower — a dense patch of *Olearia microphylla*, masses of creamy *Acacia genistifolia* with splashes of pale yellow *A. gunnii*, golden yellow *A. buxifolia* and bright *A. decurrens* (yes I know — maybe not really a local species but beautiful in flower nevertheless!). Contrasts came with the purples and pinks of the *Hardenbergia violacea*, *Hovea heterophylla* and *Glycine clandestina* (lots of artistic shots of purple draped over yellow). *Grevillea alpina* was also flowering well with a few flowers on *Hibbertia riparia* and *Dillwynia phyllicoides*. It was difficult to walk in some places because of the abundance of *Caladenia fuscata* (white to pink forms) and blue *Cyanicula caerulea*. Masumi suggests the dense patch of orchid rosettes noted were *Speculantha* sp. (?).

Despite intrusions from the new hospital car park, multiple bike trails (names like Whoopee and Just in Time (really!!) — at least there is also Daviesia Up), paved bike paths and fire trails, as well as a bunch of garden escapees (grevilleas, wattles, and one less massive *Sollya heterophylla* thanks to Murray?), the reserve is maintaining its diversity with nearly all plants sighted and even a couple added to the list, notably *Microseris lanceolata* and *Astrotricha ledifolia* (well spotted Helen).

Photos by Kris Nash.



Acacia gunnii



Cyanicula caerulea



Grevillea alpina



Leucopogon fletcheri ssp. *brevisepalus*

Plant List for Bruce Ridge – 7 August 2016

? indicates that those present were unsure of the plant name

Acacia buxifolia	Glycine clandestina
Acacia dealbata	Gompholobium huegelii
Acacia genistifolia	Gonocarpus tetragynus
Acacia gunnii	Goodenia hederacea
Acacia implexa	Grevillea alpina
Acacia mearnsii	Hardenbergia violacea
Acacia parramattensis	Hibbertia obtusifolia
Acacia rubida	Hibbertia riparia
Acaena ovina	Hovea heterophylla
Aristida ramosa	Hydrocotyle laxiflora
Astroloma humifusum	Juncus sp.
Astrotricha ledifolia	Lepidosperma laterale
Austrostipa scabra ssp. falcata	Leptospermum multicaule
Billardiera scandens	Leucopogon fletcheri ssp. brevisepalus
Brachyloma daphnoides	Leucopogon virgatus
Caladenia fuscata	Lomandra filiformis ssp. coriacea
Carex sp.	Lomandra filiformis ssp. filiformis
Cassinia ? aculeata	Lomandra longifolia
Cassinia longifolia	Lomandra multiflora
Cassinia quinquefaria	Luzula densiflora
Cassytha pubescens	Melichrus urceolatus
Cheilanthes austrotenuifolia	Microlaena stipoides
Chrysocephalum apiculatum (two types)	Microseris lanceolata
Chrysocephalum semipapposum	Microtis sp.
Clematis leptophylla	Monotoca scoparia
Coronidium oxylepis ssp. lanatum	Olearia microphylla
Cotula australis	Omphacomeria acerba
Cryptandra amara var. longiflora	Persoonia rigida
Cyanicula caerulea	Pimelea linifolia
Cymbonotus lawsonianus	Poa meionectes
Daucus glochidiatus	Poa sieberiana
Daviesia mimosoides	Pomaderris betulina ssp. betulina
Dianella revoluta	Poranthera microphylla
Dichelachne micrantha	Pultenaea procumbens
Dillwynia phyllicoides	Rytidosperma erianthum
Dillwynia sericea	Rytidosperma pallidum
Drosera auriculata	Senecio quadridentatus
Eucalyptus blakelyi	Senecio sp.
Eucalyptus dives	Specularantha sp.?
Eucalyptus macrorhyncha	Stylidium graminifolium
Eucalyptus mannifera	Styandra glauca
Eucalyptus melliodora	Themeda triandra
Eucalyptus rossii	Wahlenbergia stricta
Exocarpos cupressiformis	Xerochrysum viscosum
Glossodia major	