

Wednesday Walk — Jerangle Cemetery and GoodGood Nature Reserve — 12 October 2016

Jerangle cemetery

Jerangle cemetery resides on a bleak and forbidding spur at 1160m altitude overlooking the village below. I can just imagine the horse-drawn hearse plodding up the hill in days long past as Jerangle's' ancestors were laid to rest. The temperature fell to only 8°C as we made the final ascent through an abandoned farm with decaying buildings and a last climb through bare paddocks closely grazed by a flock of emaciated merinos that had removed every skerrick of native vegetation around the enclosures protecting the graves, except for the cushions of *Scleranthus biflorus*. Unfortunately these enclosures seem to have confined a family of wombats that are busy exhuming some of the grave sites. We did not expect to find any remnant vegetation left in the enclosures but were pleasantly surprised by the diversity of plants in the remnant snow gum grassy woodland with some yellow box and blackwood. We first visited the Catholic section and found a sward of healthy kangaroo grass whose brown frosted leaves contrasted with the green outside, and a shrubby swampy patch with *Leptospermum myrtifolium* and *Hakea microcarpa*. Below the shrubs were forbs including *Leucochrysum albicans* *tricolor*, *Craspedia variabilis* (broad-leaved form), *Asperula conferta*, *Viola betonicifolia*, rosettes of *Podolepis ?robustus*, and shrublets of *Hovea heterophylla* and *Pimelia ?glauca* (not in flower). Interestingly, we found two gruggly bushes, *Melicytus* sp in full flower.

300m distant is the Anglican cemetery and similarly fenced. This had a more diverse flora with some additional species including *Chrysocephalum apiculatum*, orchid leaves of *?Corysanthes* sp, dwarf *Diuris ?chryseopsis*, *Gallium gaudichaudi*, *Leucopogon fraseri*, an interesting dwarf sedge, *Carex breviculmis*, and the primitive fern, *Ophioglossum lusitanicum*.

Photos by Roger Farrow and Brigitta Wimmer (BW)



Jerangle Cemetary Catholic section



Wombat diggings



Asperula conferta



Leucopogon fraseri



Pomaderris ferruginea



Melicytus sp



Philotheca salsolifolia



Diuris ?chryseopsis



Ophioglossum lusitanicum

GoodGood Nature Reserve

This small parcel of land of only 20 hectares became a reserve in 2001 but is a small gem of native woodland dominated by snow, ribbon and mountain gums, narrow-leaved peppermint, brown barrel and black sallee. In the north-east corner is an area of treeless montane swamp bounded by Cowra Creek. We traversed the reserve by the disused central trail and soon encountered a large *Leucopogon* in flower that I initially thought was *L. gelidus*, seen on an earlier visit in 2006, but I now consider it to be *Acrothamnus hookeri*. The understory also contained *Persoonia sylvatica*, *Banksia marginata*, *Acacia dealbata* (alpine form) and ?*Exocarpos stricta* and, among the forbs, *Trachymene humilis*. With a subtle change in the geology from granite to metamorphic, the woodland changed to an open heathland dominated by a prostrate form of *L. attenuatus* in full flower, a form not seen anywhere else by us. Also present in this area were *Grevillea lanigera*, *Bossiaea buxifolia*, *Mirbelia oxylobioides* and *Leucopogon fraseri* among others, shown on the plant list.

We then entered the swamp dominated by *Hakea ericoides* and *Leptospermum myrtifolium*, *Epacris breviflora*, *E. paludosa* and *E. microphyllum*. In the herb layer were the single flowers of *Brachyscome decipiens*, both white and mauve, *Craspedia variabilis* and leaves of an orchid possibly *Chiloglottis* sp. Further into the swamp bordering the creek and the back fence we recorded *Leptospermum lanigerum* and *Melaleuca sieberi*. Back in the heath we encountered a dwarf form of *Ajuga australis* sporting a variety of colours from deep purple to pale lilac.

We returned via an eastern boundary track outside the reserve that may be on private property and encountered most of the same plants seen previously.

Our big concern is that the habitats which this reserve is attempting to protect are threatened by incursions of cattle from the neighbouring property because the boundary floodway fence across Cowra Creek has been washed away.



Inspecting *Acrothamnus hookeri*



Leucopogon attenuatus prostrate BW



Leucopogon fraseri



Acrothamnus hookeri



Epacris microphylla



Ajuga australis dwarf form



Brachyscome decipiens



Chiloglottis sp

Plant List for Jerangle Cemetery – 12 October 2016

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Catholic cemetery

Acacia dealbata
 Acacia melanoxylon
 Acaena ovina
 Asperula conferta
 Craspedia variabilis
 Eucalyptus pauciflora
 Eucalyptus melliodora
 Geranium sp
 Hakea microcarpa
 Hovea heterophylla
 Leptospermum myrtifolium
 Leucochrysum albicans
 Lomandra longifolia
 Lomandra multiflora
 Melicytus sp
 Pimelia ?glauc
 Poa labillardierei
 Podolepis ?robustus
 Pultenaea procumbens

Scleranthus biflorus
 Themeda triandra
 Wahlenbergia ?gloriosa
 Veronica gracilis
 Viola betonicifolia

Protestant Cemetery

Acaena ovina
 Carex breviculmis
 Corysanthes sp
 Craspedia variabilis
 Chysocephalum apiculatum
 Diuris aff chryseopsis
 Hovea heteraphylla
 Gallium gaudichaudii
 Leucopogen fraseri
 Lomandra filiformis
 Lomandra multiflora
 Ophioglossum lusitanicum
 Pimelia ?glauc

Plant List for Good Good Nature Reserve – 12 October 2016

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Acacia dealbata	Gonocarpus micrantha
Acacia melanoxylon	Gonocarpus tetragynus
Acacia rubida	Grevillea lanigera
Acaena novae-zelandiae	Hakea microphylla
Acrothamnus hookeri	Hydrocotyle tripartita
Acrotriche serrulata	Juncus sp
Ajuga australis	Leptospermum lanigerum
Ajuga australis - a dwarf form	Leptospermum myrtifolium
Arrhenechthites mixta	Leucopogon attenuatus
Asperula conferta	Leucopogon attenuatus - a prostrate form
Asplenium flabellifolium	Leucopogon fraseri
Baeckia utilis	Leucopogon virgatus
Baloskion australe	Lomandra longifolia
Banksia marginata	Lomandra multiflora
Bossiaea buxifolia	Lomatia myricoides
Bossiaea foliosa	Luzula sp
Brachyloma daphnoides	Melaleuca pityoides
Brachyscome decipiens	Microlaena stipoides
Brachyscome spathulata	Mirbelia oxylobioides
Bursaria spinosa	Myriophyllum sp
Callistemon ptyoides	Oreomyrrhis eriopoda
Cassinia aculeata	Patersonia sericea
Cassinia longifolia	Persoonia chamaepeuce
Chiloglottis sp	Persoonia silvatica
Cotula alpina	Plantago varia
Craspedia variabilis	Poa labillardierei
Cryptandra amara	Poa meionectes
Cymbonotus lawsonianus	Poa sieberiana var cyanophylla
Cynoglossum sp	Podolobium alpestre
Daviesia ulicifolia	Poranthera microphylla
Derwentia perfoliata	Ranunculus sp
Dianella revoluta	Scleranthus biflorus
Dianella tasmanica	Senecio sp
Epacris breviflora	Solenogyne gunnii
Epacris microphylla	Stackhousia monogyna
Epacris paludosa	Stylidium graminifolium
Eucalyptus dalrympleana	Themeda triandra
Eucalyptus fastigata	Trachymene humilis
Eucalyptus radiata	Veronica calycina
Eucalyptus rubida	Veronica perfoliata (see Derwentia perfoliata)
Eucalyptus stellulata	Viola betonicifolia
Eucalyptus viminalis	Viola hederacea
Eucalyptus pauciflora	Vittadinia muelleri
Exocarpus stricta	Wahlenbergia gloriosa
Geranium solanderi	Wahlenbergia stricta
Glycine clandestina	
Gompholobium huegelii	