

# 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          |  |