

## Glenburn/Burbong Precinct 12 September 2018

Today's walk to Burbong Precinct was long and tiring but we saw far more native plants than expected, albeit in limited numbers and in small patches between lots of exotic vegetation, mainly pine plantations.

Highlights include a patch of *Stackhousia monogyna* in bud, *Acacia siculiformis* outlined on a ridge, various other acacias in full flower, profusely flowering *Cryptandra amara* crouched behind rocks on a windswept hillside and interesting galls on *Eucalyptus polyanthemos*

After our walk we received advice from Penny Gullan that those interesting red galls on the leaves were induced by the male insects of *Apiomorpha strombylosa* (Hemiptera: family Eriococcidae). Each little red tube houses one male nymph and, at maturity, the gall apex expands slightly and cap falls off to allow the adult male to exit his gall. The adult female of this species has a largish woody gall (up to 3 cm across) with a red-brown to black surface covered in warty protrusions. *Eucalyptus polyanthemos* is a typical host for this species.



*Acacia sicularis*



*Lissanthe strigosa*



*Cryptandra amara*



galls by male *Apiomorpha strombylosa*  
Hemiptera (Fam Eriococcidae)



Lunch time at Colliers  
Homestead



*Eucalyptus polyanthemos* in bud