

### Wednesday Walk, 22 August 2018 - Alison Hone Reserve

Alison Hone Reserve, although containing dry sclerophyll forest, was more diverse than expected. A range of acacias and heaths were flowering or in bud, the highlight being bright golden racemes on *Acacia lanigera*, a plant not often seen by WW's. Other interesting plants include several largish *Leucopogon muticus* and smaller but pungent *Ozothamnus diosmifolius*. Although there were many neatly chewed plants, forbs were emerging including *Craspedia variabilis*, *Goodenia hederacea*, *Leptorhynchus squamatus* and *Microseris lanceolata*, as well as large patches of a range of orchids, so there is some hope of spring flowers.

Once in the reserve, about 10km north of Goulburn on the Crookwell Road, we generally travelled south-westerly to the far boundary fence, including a diversion under the powerline. Heading westwards, we crossed a deep and rocky creek before climbing a ridge and following it north-easterly, turning back towards the car park once we saw Crookwell Road. We all had a merry time accompanied by the sounds of laughing kookaburras.... Also noticeable were improvements in identifying eucalypt species.

There is a notice board at the front of Alison Hone Reserve mentioning the orchid that the reserve was reserved for – *Calochilus imberis*. Does anyone know if this is a spelling mistake – should it be *C. imberbis*?

After lunch we drove to Rocky Hill to admire the extensive views over Goulburn and surrounds, as well as the newly restored War Memorial. Perhaps more impressive were the densely growing (and flowering) *Grevillea arenaria*, the less commonly encountered *Daviesia latifolia*, surprising *Grevillea ramosissima* (in bud) and stunning examples of drooping blue leaved black trunked *Acacia falciformis*.

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PS: A number of sources indicate that the name of the rare orchid is indeed *Calochilus imberbis*.



*Acacia genistifolia*



*Coronidium scorpioides*



*Acacia lanigera*



*Leucopogon muticus*



*Grevillea arenaria*



rocky creek bed crossing