

## Wednesday Walk – Queanbeyan Nature Reserve - 19 November 2014

Queanbeyan Nature Reserve is characterised by low, undulating terrain with open grasslands and areas of open woodland. The larger of its two sections is bounded by Lanyon Drive, Hoover Road and the Queanbeyan-Michelago tourist railway line. Over all it is 67 hectares. The nearby smaller section off Furlong Road is only 2 hectares. This link shows a map

<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/NationalParks/parkHome.aspx?id=N0590> The following comes from the NSW Environment website.

“The reserve protects an important remnant of the native temperate grassland and grassy box-gum woodland that once covered extensive tracts of south-east NSW. These grassy ecosystems have declined dramatically since European settlement, largely as a result of agriculture, urban and infrastructure development and invasion by weeds. They are now considered one of Australia’s most threatened ecosystems. The grasslands are dominated by kangaroo grass, wallaby grass, redgrass, tall speargrass and poa tussock. Wildflowers such as hoary sunray, blue devil, leafy daisy, bluebell, lemon beautyheads and clustered everlasting provide a splash of colour in late spring to summer. Small patches of grassy box-gum woodland in the reserve feature stately trees such as the Blakely’s red gum and yellow box. The Reserve also contains a substantial population of the endangered button wrinklewort” (*Rutidosia leptorrhynchoides*).

We first visited the small area near the racecourse before going to the larger area at Hoover Road. There was a good display of *R. leptorrhynchoides* flowering well. The *Eryngium ovinum* were just starting to get their blue colour and there were many *Goodenia pinnatifida* flowering.

For the photos below: JG = Jean Geue; RF = Roger Farrow



View from Hoover Road JG



*Goodenia pinnatifida* RF



*Goodenia pinnatifida* RF



Patch of *Rutidosia leptorrhynchoides* JG



*Rutidosia leptorrhynchoides* JG



*Rutidosia leptorrhynchoides* JG



*Lomandra bracteata* seed RF



*Eryngium ovinum* RF



*Aristida behriana* RF

## Plant List for Queanbeyan Nature Reserve (Furlong Road) – 19 November 2014

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Acacia genistifolia	Eucalyptus blakelyi
Acacia mearnsii	Goodenia pinnatifida
Bulbine bulbosa	Kunzea ericoides
Bursaria spinosa	Leucochrysum albicans var. tricolor
Calocephalus citreus	Lomandra bracteata
Cassinia quinquefaria	Rutidosis leptorrhynchoides
Cheilanthes austrotenuifolia	Tricoryne elatior
Chrysocephalum apiculatum	Vittadinia gracilis
Cryptandra amara var. longiflora	Xerochrysum viscosum
Dianella revoluta	

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Aristida behriana  
Aristida ramosa  
Asperula conferta  
Austrostipa bigeniculata  
Austrostipa scabra ssp. falcata  
Bothriochloa macra  
Chrysocephalum apiculatum  
Convolvulus angustissimus  
Erodium crinitum  
Eryngium ovinum  
Eucalyptus melliodora  
Goodenia pinnatifida  
Kunzea ericoides  
Leucochrysum albicans var. tricolor  
Pimelea curviflora  
Plantago varia  
Rutidosis leptorrhynchoides  
Rytidosperma carphoides  
Solenogyne dominii  
Triptilodiscus pygmaeus  
Vittadinia gracilis  
Vittadinia muelleri  
Xerochrysum viscosum