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| A close up of a logo  Description automatically generatedCALEYI  CAL I  Newsletter of the Northern Beaches Group.  From the (temporary) editor.  Jane March, our regular editor, is still in recovery. She is making good progress, and all our members send her their best wishes. It was decided to present Jane with some plants from the Group to keep her busy when she gets active again. Penny Hunstead scoured local nurseries and came up with the following selection:  ***Conostylis candicans “Silver Sunrise”***  *Conostylis* is a genus of 40 or more species and is closely related to the better-known kangaroo paws. They are perennial herbs with strap-like leaves. Flowers usually occur in clusters on stalks which emerge from the bases of the leaves. All species occur naturally only in the southwest of WA. This variety makes a good border or pot plant. The grey foliage is always attractive.  **A close up of a flower  Description automatically generated**    **October 2020**  The Northern Beaches area was largely spared from the devastating bushfires of last summer and has subsequently had good rains. So, with Spring upon us, our gardens and the natural environment putting on new growth and flowering profusely, now is the time to get your cameras into action and record individual plants and landscapes. You can send your images to me ([ddrage@tpg.com.au](mailto:ddrage@tpg.com.au)) for possible inclusion in Caleyi or our webpages. Provide as much detail as possible including location and date.  ***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***  ***Hibbertia aspera, prostrate form***  This species can be erect, climbing or prostrate with rigid leaves and wiry, stellate-hairy stems and branches. Leaves are oblong to obovate, flat or with recurved margins. Other Northern Beaches members have had this plant growing for some years, but it has never flowered. Good luck, Jane.  **A close up of a flower garden  Description automatically generated**  ***Pimelia ferruginia “Snowball”***  This adaptable ‘rice flower’ has mass displays of brilliant white flowers that are so profuse they can completely hide the foliage. A very compact mounding shrub, this plant makes a lovely dwarf feature in the front of a sunny garden bed. It is also suitable for growing in a pot or in a rockery.  **A close up of a flower pot  Description automatically generated**  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **SEPTEMBER EVENT**  Our Walks Co-ordinator, Anne, organised another near-to-home walk and talk on Saturday 19th September. This time Stony Range Botanic Garden was the venue. Our group member, Eleanor, who is also a volunteer in the Garden, related its history and guided the walk. Here is Jennifer’s report followed by Anne’s images of our walk:  Thirteen members defied, with caution, Covid-19 to meet for our September outing. We did not go far. We gathered at our own stamping ground, Stony Range. Eleanor, APS member and stalwart of Stony Range volunteers, was to take us on a journey through the history and paths of our own Botanic Garden. As we ate and drank our own provided morning tea, Eleanor told us about the history of ’the Range’.  Stony Range Flora Reserve evolved from an original idea to have a “Wattle Tree” display at Manly Dam in the 1950s. This proved to be impractical, and with the aim of having a place for the ‘Promotion of Native Flora and Fauna’, another site was sought. Stony Range is located on a site that was designated for public use in the original subdivision plans of Dee Why. Steep, unsuitable for farming, and once a stone quarry, it was donated to the voluntary committee for this purpose. A meeting room, a nursery and toilets  ***Boronia heterophylla x B. pulchella“Magenta Stars”***  This variety is a product of the Kings Park Botanic Garden in Perth. It is said to grow to 2m high by 1m wide (wow) and is very floriferous. It does need the right conditions and care for it to be a success.  **A pink flower on a plant  Description automatically generated**  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  were built, mostly by the volunteers, using funds they had raised as well as grants and subsidies from Council and Government Departments.  At a ceremony in front of a large crowd, Stony Range was officially opened on 2nd September 1961. In the early years, with the intense interest in native plants and few places to see or purchase them, visitor numbers were large, particularly on the bi-annual sale days. In 2007 Stony Range was declared a Regional Botanic Garden.  Once we had finished our morning tea, Eleanor led us along the paths that run through the 3.3 hectares of forest and bush, and it’s incredible to think that it is all man-made. At the Pavillion a woman and her two children were enjoying the freedom of the open air but sheltered by huge trees. The cascades splashed down behind them and flowed into the pond. We climbed the winding track past rock outcrops covered in Dendrobium orchids with fading flowers, and through the sandstone heath to the grassland at the top. Beyond, a forest of *Xanthorrhoea ssp* and *Lepidozamia peroffskiana* to a view of rainforest that you might see in a national park. From here we wound down to the sensory track where we touched and smelled our way through, finishing back where we started. Thank you, Eleanor, for a very interesting morning. PS: To Jane, we missed you and hope to see you next time. Jennifer McLean  **A person standing next to a tree  Description automatically generated**  **Our fearless leader, Eleanor.**  **A tree in a forest  Description automatically generated**  **Cascades entering the pool**  **A close up of a flower garden  Description automatically generated**  ***Boronia mollis x fraseri***  **A close up of a tree  Description automatically generated**  ***Eucalyptus saligna***  **A close up of a flower garden  Description automatically generated**  ***Ozothamnus diosmifolius***  A group of people in a park  Description automatically generated  **The group on our walk**  A green plant in a forest  Description automatically generated  ***Goodenia ovata***  A plant in a garden  Description automatically generated  ***Dendrobium sp***  A tree with green leaves  Description automatically generated  ***Pittosporum sp***  A close up of a flower  Description automatically generated  ***Oxylobium sp***  A close up of a tree  Description automatically generated  **A group of birds-nest ferns**  A close up of a tree  Description automatically generated  ***Huperzia squarrosa***  As I mentioned in last month’s newsletter, Russell just cannot stop himself from going out into the bush with his camera. I am not complaining, as he provides lots of interesting content for Caleyi. The only trouble is that I have 21 images to choose from for this newsletter. There will be plenty left over for the future. Here is his latest text along with some of his images.  **Wildflowers Spring 2020**  Some friends and I have been getting out into the bush as much as we can since late July. This seems to have been a particularly good year for wildflowers - or maybe it is just that I have not been getting out so much in recent years and I have forgotten how beautiful our bushland can be. We have done nine different walks, including Manly Dam and Red Hill, with the others all in Kuringai National Park, from Chiltern Road in the south to Challenger Track in the north. A feature I always find interesting is just how much the mix of species differs from track to track. For example, there was a lot of *Pultenaea daphnoides* on Chiltern North (but we saw none on the other Chiltern Track). We saw *Calytrix tetragona* on Topham Trail, where it was abundant, and there was *Olearia tomentosa*, *Chloanthes* *stoechardis* and *Caledenia  carnea* only at Dobroyd Point. Slades Trail was a goldmine with *Dampiera purpurea*, *Leucopogon setiger* and *Daviesia squarrosa*. This last plant is particularly interesting as according to Robinson it should not be there! We found *Micromyrtus ciliata* only at Manly Dam and *Boronia serrulata* was especially abundant on the Challenger Trail.  (If anyone has a query about my identifications, please let me know)……………..Russell Beardmore  ***Boronia serrulata***  **A close up of a bunch of pink flowers  Description automatically generated**  ***Daviesia squarrosa***  **A close up of a flower on a plant  Description automatically generated**  ***Glossodia minor***  **A close up of a flower  Description automatically generated**  ***Leucopogon ericoides***  **A close up of a flower  Description automatically generated**  ***Pultenaea ferruginea***  **A close up of a flower  Description automatically generated**  ***Hemigenia purpurea***  **A close up of a flower  Description automatically generated**  ***Gompholobium grandiflora***  **A close up of a flower  Description automatically generated**  ***Chloanthes stoechadis***  **A close up of a flower  Description automatically generated**  ***Micromyrtus ciliata***  **A close up of a flower  Description automatically generated**  ***Caladenia carnea***  **A purple flower on a plant  Description automatically generated**  **CONTACTS**  President Dr Conny Harris 9451 3231  Vice-President Russell Beardmore 0404 023 223  Secretary Position vacant  Minutes Secretary Eleanor Eakins 9451 1883  Treasurer Lindy Monson 9953 7498  Regional Delegate Harry Loots 9953 7498  Librarian Jennifer McLean 9970 6528  Website Administrator David Drage 9949 5179  Membership Officer Jan Carnes 0416 101 327  Talks Co-ordinator Russell Beardmore 0404 023 223  Walks Co-ordinator Anne Gray 9402 4797  Catering Officer Georgine Jakobi 9981 7471  Newsletter Editor Jane March 0407 220 380  austplants.com.au/northern-beaches  northernbeaches@austplants.com.au    My apologies for the dodgy format of this issue of Caleyi. It didn’t work out for me. If I ever do another one in the future I will try to do better. (Ed).  My thanks to all who assisted me in producing this newsletter: Anne Gray, Jennifer McLean, Russell Beardmore, Penny Hunstead and Julia Tomkinson.  **UPCOMING EVENTS**  **Saturday 17th October** 10.30 am. Visit to Ted and Nancy Shaw's one-acre garden, 2 Narla Road, Bayview. Everyone who has visited this garden raves about it, especially the native plants and the orchids.  More details will follow closer to the date.  I remember a former visit to the Shaw’s garden, some years ago now, when small grass ticks were rampant. So bring your tick repellent with you just in case. (Ed.)  **Saturday 14th November** Morning visit to Plants Plus Cumberland Forest Nursery, 95 Castle Hill Road, West Pennant Hills. This is an amazing nursery with a large selection of native species including bush tucker plants. There are also exotics, vegetable seedlings and fruit trees. It is in the middle of the beautiful Cumberland State Forest.  More details will follow closer to the date.  I remember this nursery from the dark days before the dim days when I went to work for a living. I could dash out at lunchtime, drive to the nursery, eat my lunch, a quick look at the plants for sale, a short walk in the forest then drive back to work. Happy days Ed.  ------------------------------------------------------------------------------  To finish up, here is an image from my own garden. Although it is a bit on the rampant side, ***Pandorea jasminoides*** puts on a very good show through Spring and into Summer.  M  A close up of a flower  Description automatically generated  U |  | CALEYCALEYICI Northern Beaches Group  CALEYI      May 2020  Newsletter of the APS Northern Beaches Group.  From the (temporary) editor.  Our regular editor, Jane March, is taking a short break from producing the newsletter as she recovers from brain surgery. She is doing very well, and we wish her a complete and speedy recovery.  Many, many years ago I did a stint as newsletter editor when it was four pages of black and white text and few images, if any. Publishing times have changed with new technology that permits anybody to produce whiz-bang, full colour communications from their home. I hope members will accept my puny efforts and remember that Jane will return.  We will not be holding our regular monthly meetings for the immediate future so; our newsletter is the main source of communication apart from email and phone. We have, however, re-started our monthly walks with appropriate spacing etc. So, please help me out by sending in plenty of information, articles, images etc for inclusion in Caleyi.  OUR LOGO  We are all familiar with the plant image on our Group logo – *Grevillea Caleyi.* We also know that this species is classified by both State and Federal Governments as Critically Endangered. A look at the NSW State Government’s ‘Office of Environment and Heritage web pages shows us that G. Caleyi occurs in three major areas of suitable habitat found in Belrose, Ingleside and Terrey Hills/Duffy’s Forest within the Ku-ring-gai and Northern Beaches local government areas. |