

## Jones Road Fire Trail walk Kenthurst Saturday 23 July

For our second bushwalk this year we were a little apprehensive, as showers were forecast. We were all kitted out and ready for the usual bad weather, but, guess what? – it was fine!

This fire trail is on a ridgetop of Hawkesbury Sandstone, and the flora is very diverse. One of the post-conference tours from Kiama is calling here in September. Wendy and Sue from the North Shore Group, experts on this type of flora and who will be tour guides, were with us today.



Photo: Tony Maxwell

One of the upsides of this walk was that we were able to identify the beautiful *Boronia* that is widespread here. Previously we thought it to be *Boronia ledifolia*, but thanks to Wendy and Sue, concluded that it is *B. rubiginosa*.

Another positive was that we updated the plant list for this area, which will be included in the tour booklet. Thanks to Tony for the printed copies he handed out.

Something I noticed on this walk was that a few plants were flowering later than usual. This is the case too in the bush at my place just down the road. *Leucopogon fletcheri*, *Boronia floribunda*, *Styphelia triflora*, *Calytrix tetragona*, amongst others, were yet to flower. Perhaps this is because of all the rain we've had this year?

Here are a few of the stand-out plants on this walk:

Top: *Boronia rubiginosa*, pink and white forms. We found the white one on a walk here last year.

Bottom: *Wollisia pungens*, and *Phebalium squamulosum*.

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