

BUSHWALK along QUARRY ROAD FIRE TRAIL June 2021

On 26th June thirteen members collected at the end of Quarry Road, Dural, on a fine, cool afternoon. From there the Quarry Road fire trail extends to Berowra Creek in the Eloura Bushland, not that any of our walks would go that far. There is too much to see and admire along this sandy ridgetop. This ridge supports a huge number of plant species. Being before mid-winter, we did not expect to see as many flowers, and we were pleased to see more than expected. This trail is known for its banksias and *B.marginata*, *B.spinulosa* and *B.ericifolia* lit up the roadside bush. Flowers were seen on many other species, such as *Acacia ulicifolia* and *A.suaveolens*, *Woollisia pungens*, *Epacris pulchella*, *Grevillea speciosa* and *Bossiaea heterophylla*. Others were in full bud, such as *Bossiaea scolopendria*, *Grevillea buxifolia* and *Phyllota phyllicoides*. Tony Maxwell had provided a list of likely species prepared from internet sites like ALA (Atlas of Living Australia). We added many more to the list. This walk was a very good exercise in the recognition of native plants from foliage appearances and form. It was greatly enjoyed by all our very observant members.

Plants Identified on the Walk

* <i>Acacia longifolia</i>	<i>Dampiera stricta</i>	<i>Lambertia formosa</i> F
* <i>Acacia myrtifolia</i> F	<i>Darwinia biflora</i>	<i>Leptospermum trinervium</i>
<i>Acacia suaveolens</i> F	<i>Dianella prunina</i>	<i>Leucopogon mircophyllus</i> F
<i>Acacia ulicifolia</i> F	<i>Dillwynia elegans</i>	<i>Lindsaea line</i>
<i>Actinotus helianthi</i>	* <i>Dodonea triquetra</i>	<i>Lindsaea microphylla</i>
<i>Actinotus minor</i> F	* <i>Drosera peltata</i>	<i>Lomatia silaifolia</i>
<i>Allocasuarina littoralis</i>	<i>Epacris pulchella</i> F	<i>Micranthemum ericoides</i>
<i>Angophora costata</i>	<i>Eucalyptus haemastoma</i>	<i>Mitrasacme polymorpha</i>
<i>Angophora hispida</i>	* <i>Eucalyptus sclerophylla</i>	* <i>Monocota scoparia</i>
<i>Banksia ericifolia</i> F	<i>Gomphlobium grandiflorum</i>	<i>Patersonia sericea</i>
<i>Banksia marginata</i> F	* <i>Gompholobium minor</i> F	<i>Persoonia levis</i>
<i>Banksia oblongifolia</i>	<i>Grevillea buxifolia</i> F	<i>Persoonia pinifolia</i>
<i>Banksia serrata</i>	<i>Grevillea speciosa</i> F	<i>Petrophile pulchella</i>
<i>Banksia spinulosa</i> F	<i>Hakea dactyloides</i>	<i>Phyllota phyllicoides</i> F
<i>Bossiaea heterophylla</i> F	<i>Hakea gibbose</i> F	<i>Platysace linearifolia</i>
<i>Bossiaea scolopendria</i>	<i>Hakea propinqua</i>	<i>Tetradthea ericifolia</i> F
<i>Cassinia denticulate</i>	<i>Hakea sericea</i>	* <i>Thelymitra ixioides</i>
<i>Caustis flexuosa</i>	* <i>Isopogon anemonifolius</i>	<i>Woollisia Pungens</i> F
* <i>Caustis pentandra</i>	* <i>Isopogon anethifolius</i>	<i>Xanthorrhoea media</i>
<i>Ceratopetalum gummiferum</i>	* <i>Kunsea ambigua</i>	
<i>Conospermum longifolium</i> F	* <i>Gompholobium glabratum</i> F	
<i>Corymbia gummifera</i>		and one fungus
<i>Crowea exalata</i>		<i>Rimaria strictus</i>

*Denotes not on computer list for Quarry Road

F = some flowers seen



Banksia ericifolia



Acacia myrtifolia



Banksia marginata



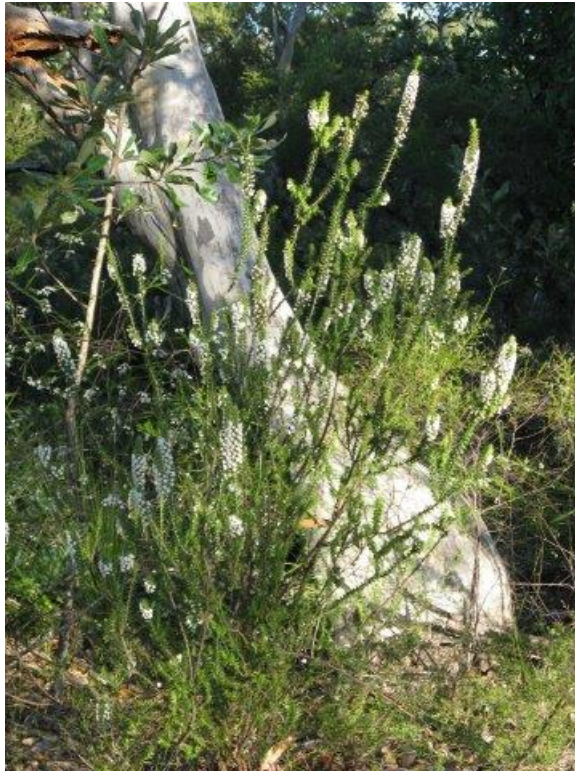
Banksia spinulosa



Grevillea speciosa



Hakea gibbosa



Woolsia pungens