



NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2016

SEPTEMBER WALK

On Saturday 17th we finally got a fine day to investigate the Narrangarril Nature Reserve, off Marble Hill Road, very close to home. Access to this reserve requires approval from the owners of property surrounding it. This time we entered via the south east corner.

From here we walked up-hill and down-dale through dry eucalypt forest with some shrubby understorey. We crossed a couple of almost dry gullies and finally reached a major stream with running water. The progress to get to this point was very slow as the eyes had to be keenly peeled to spot the young growth of many species, especially orchids. The caladenias were easy to spot with pink, blue and white standing out against the leaf litter. A couple of patches of green in the understorey revealed themselves to be *Xanthorrhoea concava*. So far we have listed 58 species, not including the numerous orchids which are yet to be identified. Hopefully, when we return in early October, they will be in flower to make life easier. There were three different species of *Leucopogon* identified by Tim. Frank was able to identify 27 bird species with large numbers of white throated tree-creepers and yellow faced honey eaters. He also noted a flame robin and a grey currawong.

Having reached the flowing stream the canopy cover was much more open and many more forbs were identified. Then there was the slow and steady clamber back to where we had started leaving everyone somewhat exhausted.

Jen Ashwell

Thanks to Jen for this report; the usual reporters, Pauline and myself were unable to be on this walk. As implied above, Jen did return with some things for me to identify and indeed getting three *Leucopogons* was unusual. The walkers had the benefit of a plant list prepared by Kevin Mills (the author of many reports for the NPWS). It also had another *Leucopogon* listed but this species, *L. virgatus* was not seen on the day.

We are not yet finished with Narrangarril as a decision has been taken to make another visit on **Tuesday October 4** to view later-flowering orchids. This time, entry will be from the northwest, once again through private property. Access here will be more difficult and only via 4wd. Only two such vehicles will be going in and a limit of 10 has been placed on the numbers going - remember that 5 places may be reserved for the GF Nats. If any APS member would like to go, it is imperative that they contact Bob and his number is at the top

of this page; it would be best to do this as soon as practicable.

CALENDAR

Sat Oct 1	West Goulburn Bushland
Tue Oct 4	2nd trip to Narrangarril Nature Reserve
Sat Oct 15	ANPS Canberra Plant Sale
Sat Nov 5	Windellama Field Day
Wed Nov 23	Wetlands Garden maintenance
Sat Dec 3	Christmas get-together and walk at Tony and Sandra's property at Back Arm

PROPAGATION / WETLANDS

This activity is continuing as Spring approaches and seeds of a number of species have been 'put in' mainly for the wetlands to this point. We will also be endeavouring to extend the range of species we propagate from the Group - i.e. plant sales. We welcome the names of species members think are worthwhile propagating and it does not matter what other people may think - we all have our own preferences and favourite groups of plants. One supporter for a plant is enough to propagate it; best if a source of seed or cuttings can be located.

Some eucalypts were delivered to the wetlands recently - about 40 cabbage gums (*E. amplifolia*) and 240 river peppermints (*E. elata*).

WEB PAGE

Many members will recall Brian at the last AGM when he offered to set up our website. He got to work and very soon he has placed on it sections for pictures and also newsletters. It was always Brian's intention that the web page be first and foremost a repository of useful information. Some of the sub-committee probably considered that the purpose in the early stages was to have a strong graphic focus and garner attention. Setting up a website of this latter kind and maintaining it would have demanded more time and effort than Brian was able to give. It was therefore that with some reluctance, we considered that we might have to look at being under the umbrella of the NSW APS for this purpose. In particular, I favoured a website of the one of the Sydney APS groups. We will therefore be seeking the assistance of the broader APS community to continue our quest for a website that will suit our purposes.

We thanks Brian for taking the plunge in the first place and for what he did to get us started on this project; he also displayed a lot of patience in dealing with the queries of the many neophytes among us.

OCTOBER WALK

This will be to an area in West Goulburn of public land which has quite good quality vegetation still remaining. In the last few years, the area has been improved further through the efforts of a group of local residents, with the previous deputy mayor Bob Kirk, a leading member.

As it is a relatively small area, it is proposed that the walk commence at 9.30 and should finish quite easily by 11.30. Bob will email details of where to meet as he usually does. Lunch would not be required.

NARRANGARRIL PLANT LIST

Acacia decurrens

Acacia falciformis

Acacia gunnii

Acacia terminalis

Allocasuarina litoralis

Billardiera scandens

Bossiaea buxifolia

Brachyloma daphnoides

Bracteantha bracteata

Caladenia caerulea

Cassinia aculeata

Chrysocephalum apiculatum

Craspedia variabilis

Cymbonotus lawsonianus

Daviesia genistifolia

Daviesia leptophylla

Derwentia perfoliata

Dianella revoluta

Drosera auriculata

Entolasia sp. (a grass)

Eucalyptus agglomerata

Eucalyptus bridgesiana

Eucalyptus mannifera

Eucalyptus rossii

Eucalyptus sieberi

Exocarpus cupressiformis

Geranium solanderi

Gonocarpus tetragynus

Goodenia hederacea

Gratiola peruviana

Hardenbergia violacea

Hibbertia obtusifolia

Lepidosperma laterale

Leucopogon ericoides

Leucopogon fletcheri

Leucopogon muticus

Lissanthe strigosa

Lomandra filiformis

Lomandra longifolia

Lomandra multiflora

Lomandra obliqua

Luzula densiflora

Melichrus urceolatus

Omphacomeria acerba

Oxalis perennans

Patersonia sp

Persoonia linearis

Plantago varia

Platylobium formosum

Poa sp

Pomax umbellata

Rhytidosporum procumbens

Stellaria pungens

Stypantra glauca

Veronica calycina

Wahlenbergia communis

Wurmbea dioica

Xanthorrhoea concava