



MAY WALK

Saturday 6 May was cool and windy with threatening rain clouds when five members headed 40 km SW of Goulburn to Laurie and Helen Willet's property at Currawang where we had been invited to survey several sites. The property was about 10 km from the north of Lake George which we could see from the hillside above the house block where we started our first walk. In spite of the area having been lightly grazed Jen and Ashley were identifying plants at just about every step. In the couple of hours we were on the hillside scudding clouds came over and we donned raincoats when the rain came. Fortunately, it didn't last long. After morning tea in the homestead garden Helen took us to the eastern section of the property across several creeks, to a few sites which were part of the more heavily stocked area and did not yield much in the way of native species. We then proceeded to a fenced off area heavily treed and once again only lightly stocked. Here we had lunch and once again identified many plants but only a few that we had not observed at the previous site. Kaye Norman came with us as a very enthusiastic guest. Kaye has since joined our group. All told we identified 64-65 species with final identifications conducted by Tim and Jen from cuttings taken during the visit. The list of plants is attached.

We are extremely grateful for the kind invitation from the Willets and especially to Helen for showing us the sites and spending so much time with us on the first site. Thanks to Bob and Celia for the above run-down on the walk - in Pauline's absence.

TALLONG WALK

Wet weather prevented this although the actual day turned out to be fine despite a bad forecast which Bob and I decided to observe. We expect to re-schedule it for later in the year - it may replace the South's Reserve walk in October.

WELCOME

A special welcome to new member Kaye Norman as you have read above. Kaye had contacted Bob about getting some orchids identified and had thought that they might be the endangered Tallong midge orchid. Great to have her in the group.

WETLANDS/PROPAGATION

A very successful propagation day was held last Thursday, for sowing seeds for the wetlands. Twelve people put in about three solid hours work with 1020 forestry tubes and 1320 hiko holes filled with potting mix and then planted. The forestry tubes had *Indigofera australis*, *Hakea sericea*, *Hakea teretifolia* and *Leptospermum lanigerum* and the hikos with *Lomandra longifolia*,

Carex appressa and *Poa labillardieri*. This activity was followed by the seeding of 42 pots with seed from 6 species of hard pea type seeds which Tim had treated over the previous night. If all these manage to germinate and grow there will be lots and lots to plant at the wetlands in 2018.

Well done to all those who contributed to this effort.

WEB SITE

As part of the ongoing revision of APS at all levels is the matter of a new website including new websites for district groups. By the end of June, our own groups website should be up and running. In doing this I have been looking (for quite some time) at the others groups' sites to get ideas. Putting these together in the most logical way is the main task at the moment. I expect it will include a wetlands section and will allude to our propagation for the general plantings and the work done in the APS gardens.

There is also a new logo for NSW APS; the old waratah is gone but there is a more stylised version - a bit like the NSW Service one that you see around - although only half the waratah is visible. I presume it will appear shortly.

2017 CALENDAR

Sat Jun 3	Walk in Morton NP via Bundanoon
Sat Jul 1	Bees/Birds/Soils presentations
Sat Aug 5	Walk at Pomaderris Reserve
Sat Sep 2	Walk in Monga NP via Braidwood
Thu Sep 14	Propagation - seeding - Jen's place
Sun Sep 17	Propagation - seeding - Jen's place
Sat Oct 7	Walk at South's Reserve via Koorngaroo Rd
Wed Oct 18	Wetlands Garden Maintenance
Sat Nov 4	Walk at Reedy Creek TSR
Sat Dec 2	Xmas party, AGM and property walk - Raina's place

The Currawang plant list is on the next page with both sections merged. A new entry on the list for me was *Rytidosperma pallidum*. It's a new name for the well-known red-anthered wallaby grass and must be the fourth name for this grass; the botanists are still doing what they do best???

<i>Acacia decurrens</i>	Early black wattle	<i>Rytidosperma pallidum</i>	Red-anther wallaby grass
<i>Acacia genistifolia</i>	Early wattle	<i>Senecio diaschides</i>	Shingle fireweed
<i>Acacia gurnii</i>	Ploughshare wattle	<i>Solenogyne dominii</i>	Smooth Solenogyne
<i>Acacia parramattensis</i>	Parramatta wattle	<i>Stackhousia monogyna</i>	Creamy candles
<i>Acacia rubida</i>	Red-stemmed wattle	<i>Stellaria sp.</i>	Starwort
<i>Acaena agnipila</i>	Sheep's burr	<i>Stylidium graminifolium</i>	Grass Trigger plant
<i>Bossiaea buxifolia</i>	Matted bossiaea	<i>Stypandra glauca</i>	Nodding blue lily
<i>Brachyscome rigidula</i>	Hairy cut-leaf daisy	<i>Tetraloche bauerifolia</i>	Black-eyed susan
<i>Cassinia aculeata</i>	Dolly Bush	<i>Thelymitra sp.</i>	Sun orchid
<i>Cassinia arcuata</i>	Sifton Bush	<i>Themeda triandra</i>	Kangaroo grass
<i>Cassinia longifolia</i>	Shiny cassinia	<i>Thysanotus patersonii</i>	Twining fringe lily
<i>Chrysocephalum apiculatum</i>	Common everlasting	<i>Wahlenbergia gracilis</i>	Sprawling bluebell
<i>Cymbonotus lawsonianus</i>	Bears-ears		
<i>Daviesia leptophylla</i>	Slender bitter-pea		
<i>Dianella revoluta</i>	Black-anthered flax lily		
<i>Dichondra repens</i>	Kidney weed		
<i>Dillwynia phyllicoides</i>	Small-leaf parrot-pea		
<i>Einadia nutans</i>	Climbing saltbush		
<i>Eriochilus cucullatus</i>	Parson's Bands		
<i>Eucalyptus bridgesiana</i>	Apple box		
<i>Eucalyptus macrorhyncha</i>	Red stringy bark		
<i>Eucalyptus mannifera</i>	Brittle gum		
<i>Eucalyptus radiata</i>	Narrow leaf peppermint		
<i>Eucalyptus sieberi</i>	Silvertop ash		
<i>Exocarpus cupressiformis</i>	Cherry ballart		
<i>Gompholobium huegelii</i>	Pale wedge-pea		
<i>Gonocarpus sp.</i>	Raspwort		
<i>Goodenia hederacea</i>	Ivy leafed goodenia		
<i>Hardenbergia violacea</i>	False sarsparilla		
<i>Hibbertia obtusifolia</i>	Grey guinea flower		
<i>Hovea heterophylla</i>	Creeping hovea		
<i>Hydrocotyle laxiflora</i>	Stinking pennywort		
<i>Hypericum gramineum</i>	Small St. John's Wort		
<i>Leucopogon hookerii</i>	Mountain beard Heath		
<i>Lissanthe strigosa</i>	Peach heath		
<i>Lomandra filiformis</i>	Wattle mat-rush		
<i>Lomandra longifolia</i>	Spiny-headed mat-rush		
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<i>Luzula flaccida</i>	Woodrush		
<i>Melichrus urceolatus</i>	Urn heath		
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<i>Microlaena stipoides</i>	Weeping grass		
<i>Microtis sp.</i>	Onion orchid		
<i>Oxalis perennans</i>	Native oxalis		
<i>Patersonia sericea</i>	Silky iris		
<i>Persoonia linearis</i>	Narrow leafed Geebung		
<i>Pultenaea subspicata</i>	Hairy Bush-pea		