

DIANE WARMAN – BIO

Diane found a passion for Botany while photographing flora on bushwalks in the early 1990s. Following a starter course at Ryde TAFE (Australian Plant Identification), she moved to Kincumber and walked the mountain exploring with her small son. Once he started school she was inspired to learn more. Initially self-taught, Diane started the Kincumba Bushcare group (1994-2004) at the rear of Kincumber Public School. However, the knowledge bug had taken hold and so Diane went back to school as a mature-aged student, so she could do a Science degree. It was late in the 1990s when Diane studied cross-institutionally at University of New England, Armidale (Botany, Plant Ecology and Restoration Ecology) while also studying the BSc at Ourimbah (University of Newcastle). Diane assisted UON lecturers, in particular, Diane demonstrated for Dr. Anita Chalmers for 17 years (Australian Flora Identification course). Diane then went on to work as an Ecologist in Environmental Consultancies for two years. She is now working as a sole trader. Recent contracts include Biodiversity Conservation Monitoring of Endangered Ecological Communities (EECs) for Central Coast Council and Saving our Species (SoS) projects (*Prostanthera junonis* B.J.Conn Lamiaceae and *Astrotricha crassifolia* Blakely Araliaceae) for DPIE. In particular, she completed her Research Honours on the Ecology and Distribution of *Grevillea shiressii* Blakely Proteaceae, on the Central Coast (2012). Diane continues to monitor this species for the NPWS SoS programme.

~ Diane Warman, Feb 2022