NEWSLETTER Illawarra Group

Happy New Year from the President!

Welcome to the first edition of our Newsletter which we will be issuing every two months. It is early days for us in the world of Newsletters but as they say, from little things big things grow, so here goes! Thank you to Mary for getting this up and running, it will be a great resource. I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year and you are looking forward to what 2024 will bring.

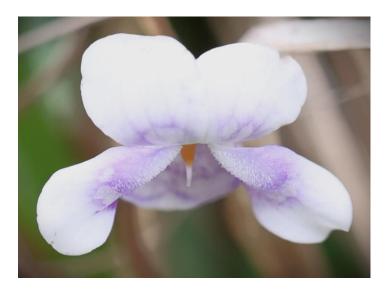
Our first walk of the year will be on Sunday, 21 January with Anthony Wardle, Horticulturist from UOW. Anthony will guide us through a bush tucker walk in the beautiful UOW grounds.

We have some monthly walks mapped out for 2024 which are detailed in the Newsletter. More detail to come but please pencil in your diaries!

We would love to feature a story from one of our members in the Newsletter. Please submit any items of interest to myself or Mary for inclusion in Issue No 2 which will be sent out in March.

Michael

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Upcoming Program

Proposing the **third Sunday of the month** for a walk which will be followed by our monthly Committee meeting. Everyone is welcome and the walks are designed for all abilities. It is always possible that a date/location may change so please check any email correspondence from Ruth or Michael closer to the time.

Date/Time	<u>Location</u>	<u>Details</u>
21 January 09.00am	University of Wollongong Northfields Ave	Walk with Anthony Wardle – meet at Building 30 (Wollyunga Indigenous Centre. Park in P3 or P4 car parks
18 February	Thirlmere Lakes	
17 March	Otford Coast Track	
21 April	Killelea State Park	
19 May	Tallawarra Wetlands	
16 June	Stanwell Tops	
21 July	Providential Walk Royal National Park	
18 August	Dharawal National Park	
15 September	Croom Reserve Albion Park	
20 October	Barren Grounds Jamberoo Mountain Road	
17 November	Bungoona Lookout Royal National Park	
15 December (to be confirmed)	Kembla Joggers Clubhouse Christmas Festivities	

Next Committee Meeting

Following the walk with Anthony on 21 January, we will head to a nearby coffee shop - everyone welcome! If you have any items you wish to be on the agenda, please email Michael via the email on front page.

If you have a story/news item you would like included in the Newsletter, please contact Mary via: <u>maryvalentine999@gmail.com</u>