

## RETURN TO QUARRY ROAD DURAL 22 October 2022

Despite forecasts of storms, seven of us met at the end of Quarry Road and walked for two hours in fine weather. We had been told by Jim and Ricki Nash that there were terrestrial orchids to be seen there and we were not disappointed. We saw several patches of *Calochilus robertsonii*. The Purple Beard Orchid.

Quarry Road has been a favourite place for us to walk for many years. It is quite flat and the diversity of plants is truly amazing. The continual rain this year has meant that the flowering season has been longer and later than usual. So on this Saturday afternoon in late October we saw many plants still flowering. For example there was a lone *Woolisia pungens*, looking a little tired but still flowering after probably six months. Some *Grevillea speciosa* still had flowers as well.

Overall we saw and identified 64 species. Highlights were masses of *Dampiera stricta*, more *Conospermum longifolium* than I have ever seen before and extensive patches of *Boronia pinnata* and *floribunda*.



*Boronia floribunda*



*Conospermum longifolium*

The smaller group enabled us to really examine and identify some smaller inconspicuous plants which are often overlooked such as *Micrantheum ericoides*, *Stackhousia viminea* and *Gonocarpus teucroides*.



After much discussion it was decided that this plant was *Poranthera ericifolia*.

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