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#### General meetings

Held at 7:30 pm on the fourth Friday of each month at the Newborough Uniting Church, Old Sale Road Newborough VIC 3825



Golden Heath *Styphelia adscendens* seen during the excursion to Providence Ponds Flora and Fauna Reserve in August (Photo: Tamara Leitch).

#### **Upcoming events**

<u>February general meeting:</u> Friday 23 February Wetlands & Rivers in the Corner Inlet catchment – Matt Bowler <u>Excursion</u>: Saturday 24 February – Corner Inlet. Details TBC. <u>Club Summer Camp</u>: 2-6 February at Mount Buffalo <u>Botany Group</u>: Saturday 10 February – Mount Buffalo plants. Details TBC. <u>Bird Group</u>: Tuesday 13 February – Moe WWTP and Lake Narracan. Meet at Moe WWTP by 8.30am. <u>Bird Group</u>: Tuesday 6 March – Wirilda Park. Meet at Wirilda Park 8.30am. <u>Bird Group</u>: Thursday 15 March – EA Wetland survey. Meet at Morwell Bridge gate by 8.30am. Please confirm attendance beforehand with Alix on 5127 3393 or alixw@spin.net.au <u>March general meeting and AGM</u>: Friday 23 March Ants are everywhere – Peter Muller <u>Excursion</u>: Saturday 24 March – Ants in Morwell NP. Details TBC.

#### The New Holland Mouse – Phoebe Burns

Our speaker at the August meeting was Phoebe Burns who gave us an interesting presentation on the New Holland Mouse. Phoebe's Masters thesis was on the Smoky Mouse *Pseudomys fumeus,* an endangered species formerly found in the Gippsland region and still occurring in the Grampians. The New Holland Mouse *P. novaehollandiae* is the subject of her current study towards a PhD.

The genus *Pseudomys* contains 24 species, all endemic to Australia, including the Smoky Mouse, the Delicate Mouse *P. delicatulus*, the Heath Mouse *P. shortridgei* and the New Holland Mouse.



New Holland Mouse (photo: Phoebe Burns)

The New Holland Mouse was first discovered near Sydney in the 1880s and has since been found to range from Queensland to Tasmania. The Tasmanian population is believed to be extinct, none having been recorded in the last 14 years. It was first found in Victoria at Tyabb in 1970 and ranged from Anglesea to the Gippsland Lakes, but there has been a gradual decline and it has disappeared from many of the western areas. At Wilsons Promontory there was a healthy population in the 1990s, which has declined, but they are still found at two sites. There are still healthy populations at Providence Ponds, Dutson Downs and the Gippsland Lakes.

The New Holland Mouse is a small species, about the size of a House Mouse *Mus musculus*. It is mainly nocturnal and lives in communal burrows, usually in deep, sandy soils. It is omnivorous, eating plant material and small invertebrates.

Looking into the causes of decline, Phoebe described several possible factors. Drought may have had a significant effect because many of the declines took place through the 1990s when we had an extended period of drought. Habitat loss is another possible cause, with the encroachment of Coast Tea-tree a problem, especially at 'The Prom'. Rabbit baiting, often with poisoned oats, has the potential to also affect the mice. Disease is another, but less well-known, possibility.

Phoebe then discussed the difficulty of detecting the presence of these mice. Two main techniques used are baited Elliott traps and camera traps. Elliott traps need to be set for about 20 days to be



House Mouse (left) and New Holland Mouse (right). Photos: Phoebe Burns

sure of detecting mice in lowdensity populations. Cameras give equivalent results in half the time. Factors affecting their detectability are the season (better results in autumn and spring), breeding activity and even the phase of the moon (more detected when the moon is new). The use of automatic cameras set up in front of bait holders is the most effective, but does depend on the observer's ability to recognise the species in photographs. House mice are commonly encountered in the same areas and separation of the two species is vital. The New Holland Mouse (pictured on the right) has white ventral fur and white feet, sandy-coloured dorsal fur with dark guard hairs, a bicoloured tail (white underside), a stockier build, a snub nose and often a distinct eye-ring. The House Mouse (on the left) has solid brown dorsal fur, darker feet, a uniformly dark tail, a more slender build, a pointed nose and the body tapering towards the head. During the presentation, we were put through an identification test with very mixed results. It is not an easy skill to acquire. Even Phoebe's supervisor, who has a lot of experience with small rodents, did badly in the test.

Further surveys to better determine the current range of the mice are planned, and genetic studies are proposed to establish whether different populations are related. Phoebe is also investigating the possibility of reintroducing the mice to areas from which they have disappeared.

New Holland and House mice are not the only visitors to the camera traps. Phoebe showed us some of the other animals caught by the camera, which included a brushtail possum, a ringtail possum, a hog deer, near-albino wombats, an echidna, a pygmy possum and a bandicoot.

Phoebe is to be congratulated on her devotion to the conservation of one of the smaller native Australian mammals.

Ken Harris

## **Excursion to Providence Ponds Flora & Fauna Reserve 24.08.2017**

Providence Ponds was selected for our excursion venue to tie in with a talk by Phoebe Burns on the New Holland Mouse the previous evening, as this is one of her study sites where many mice are found. Phoebe could not lead us, but we were keen to go anyway as no one could recall a Club excursion there before and most people had never stopped to explore this reserve, which is clearly marked on the Princes Highway 18 km east of Stratford. The day was sunny and pleasant, a welcome change from recent conditions.

Phoebe provided us with a useful map showing the tracks through the reserve and the sites and dates where New Holland Mice had been found. As the mice are nocturnal, we didn't try to look for them. We just enjoyed exploring the area looking at birds and plants. The reserve is over 2400 ha

and is dissected by the Princes Highway. It is flat and sandy, and the ponds are a chain of sedge wetlands. Those we saw in our meander around the section south of the highway were dry.

First we passed through a long section of eucalypts with an understory of thick bracken. The eucalypts were entirely *Eucalyptus consideniana,* known as Prickly Stringybark or Yertchuk.



Sedge wetland at Providence Ponds (Photo: Tamara Leitch)

Occasional plants of *Acacia oxycedrus, Banksia marginata* and Blackwood were in between. Our first stop was good for birds, but there were very few little ground plants to be seen, except a patch of *Pterostylis nutans* with one flower.

As we drove further the bracken cover thinned and there were green clumps of *Lomandra* and *Lepidosperma*. One stop produced few birds but an abundance of plants. We had *Bossiaea cinerea* just starting to flower, and *Brachyloma daphnoides, Epacris impressa, Hibbertia fasciculata* var. *procumbens* and *H. virgata* to name a few. The sprays of pink buds on the many *Leucopogon ericoides* plants along the track were bright and pretty. A lovely, red-flowering correa was found at one spot – instead of *Correa reflexa* var. *cardinalis*, it is now called *Correa reflexa* var. *speciosa.* At our lunch spot we saw our only *Hardenbergia violacea* for the day, its purple flowers looking lovely.



Woodland with *Lomandra* understorey (Photo: Tamara Leitch)

It was interesting to see changes in the plant communities as we went along. Some areas were carpeted with clumps of *Lomandra* as far as the eye could see, then these would be replaced by *Gahnia radula*. Presumably, changes in soil type were the reason. It was wonderful to see so many Saw Banksias *Banksia serrata* and such large, old trees in some places. A few spots had thickets of them in all sizes and ages, and very healthy specimens too.

We had a good day identifying eucalypts, finding the book produced by Jenny Wolswinkel `Eucalypts of the Strzelecki Ranges and Gippsland Plains – an Identification Kit' very useful. Having only 33 species to choose from, and a simple and effective key that quickly sent you to a full page of excellent photographs of the bark, leaves, fruits and buds, made the often daunting task seem positively simple! It seemed that we went through forests of single species. The Yertchuk gave way to Red Box *E. polyanthemos*, then Forest Red Gum *E. tereticornis* ssp. *mediana.* One tree that appeared to be a Messmate was examined more closely as it was not on the Flora of Victoria list for Providence Ponds. It was the closely related White Stringybark *E. globoidea,* which has a smaller oblique leaf, small buds and round juvenile leaves. But But *E. bridgesiana* and Yellow Box *E. melliodora* were also found.

I wasn't paying attention to birds, but when we drove along a track bordering farmland we all stopped to watch a group of about 25 White-winged Choughs very busily feeding on the ground or flying up into the trees as they moved along.

The plant of the day was spotted by Tamara right beside our cars on the track edge; it was Golden Heath *Styphelia adscendens*. A low-growing shrub with narrow, pointed leaves, it was covered in creamy flowers with curled-back fluffy petals and very long, cream stamens tipped with brown anthers. It was very pretty. It is mainly found in far west Victoria with a few locations in East Gippsland, one of them being Providence Ponds. Despite the very long drive there and back, it was well worth visiting this reserve, and escaping our wintry weather to enjoy a day in warm East Gippsland.

Wendy Savage

Common Correa var. *speciosa* (Photo: Tamara Leitch)



\*A plant list for this excursion is available in Appendix I of this Naturalist

## A Buzz from Aussie Bees – A Journey of Discovery

Linda Rogan, who describes herself as a citizen scientist, was the speaker on the subject of native bees at our September meeting. She is a member of the Entomological Society of Victoria with a particular interest in native bees, and has edited the *Victorian Entomologist* since 2010. Linda's presentation used superb photographs and video clips to depict the roosting, feeding, nesting and mating habits of our bees, drawing on observations in her own garden in Briar Hill and nearby reserves over the past nine or so years. It was an object lesson in just how much we can learn

about natural history without needing to travel far from home, even though she and her husband Peter have also travelled widely for field and photographic work on bees.

Linda began by explaining that her journey started in 2008 when, during a bushwalk in Browns Reserve in Greensborough, she observed many winged insects roosting on a small Cassinia bush – they turned out to be male *Homalictus punctatus* bees after identification by Ken Walker of Museum Victoria. It was not until 2016-2017 that she found a smaller group roosting on Casuarina needles in her own garden; females of the species had turned up on Spur Velleia *Velleia paradoxa* in 2014. About that time, the Rogans decided to transform their semi-indigenous garden



Cassinia covered in roosting *Homalictus punctatus* (Photo: Linda Rogan)

into a pollinator garden to attract more native bees and other insects. This experiment was highly successful, and Linda gave us many examples of insect/plant associations, including:

- A Trichocolletes bee species attracted by a Eutaxia diffusa
- A 5 mm long *Exoneura* sp. on an *Angophora hispida* sapling

Burgan *Kunzea* sp. shrubs have been the most attractive plants for pollinators in Linda's garden, including a small masked bee *Hylaeus ofarrelli,* a striped *Lasioglossum bicingulatum* female (males were also later found roosting on a Cherry Ballart in Browns Reserve) and *Euryglossa adelaidae.* These shrubs also attracted a native bee, a native fly and a native wasp, all with similar markings,



Female Amegilla asserta (Photo: Linda Rogan)

the bee and the fly apparently mimicking the wasp. Linda commented that one of the best things about finding mating bees is knowing that you have both sexes. Males and females can be very similar, but are sometimes quite different. Males typically have longer antennae than the females, but there are exceptions. For one of the few bees with a common name, the Bluebanded Bees (*Amegilla* spp), the face mask can be used to identify the sex.

Bees, wasps and ants belong to the very large insect order Hymenoptera, having four transparent wings. The question of the difference between bees and wasps came up, with Linda noting that some bees may

inexplicably imitate wasps down to colouring that makes their wings appear to be folded as wasps' wings are. Bees eat only pollen and nectar, whereas wasps are meat eaters, at least in part. Size is not a useful distinguishing characteristic between bees and wasps.

Linda next explained that she and Peter set up bee posts in their garden in the form of old Red Gum posts with holes from 3 – 8 mm diameter drilled into them. A number of small resin bee species have been attracted to them; these bees carry resin to use in building brood cells. Resin bees, along with leaf-cutting bees, are all *Megachile* species. A single *Exoneura* species was also seen investigating the post holes; *Exoneura* females form small social colonies, usually in dry twigs and reeds, in which they cooperatively care for the developing larvae and take turns guarding their nest cavity entrances from predatory wasps with their flat tails.

A video was shown of one of many disputes over ownership of a post hole. Many wasps hang around the posts, and some are predators of the young of Megachilid bees, laying their eggs in the bee brood cell where the wasp hatches and eats the food of the larval bee and sometimes the larva itself. The largest resin bee found in the posts is *Megachile lucidiventris*, 15 mm long.

In the next part of her talk, Linda moved on to Karingal Creek in Eltham, a good spot for finding roosting bees. The green and gold *Lipotriches australica,* frequently seen, uses buzz-pollination – Linda observed a female bee buzz-pollinating a native lily. The attractive but deadly Neon Cuckoo Bee, as its common name suggests, deposits its eggs in the nests of closely related *Amegilla* 

species. *Amegilla* bees were found foraging and roosting along the creek, as in the Rogans' garden. *Amegilla* bees nest in dirt banks and mud brick walls in Queensland, but Linda has not yet seen them nesting in Victoria.

Linda concluded her fascinating talk with a very recent observation. A new plant in her garden, *Goodia lotifolia,* has already attracted two different bee species. By way of summary, 29 bee species



Male Megachile ferox (Photo: Linda Rogan)

have now been photographed in Linda's garden, and she is very much looking forward to our 2017 spring season for more delights! She encouraged us to investigate what's buzzing in our own gardens and neighbourhoods. For further information:

*www.padil.gov.au* – search under Image Libraries > Australian Pollinators *www.aussiebee.com.au* – Australian Native Bee Research Centre website *www.bowerbird.com.au* – to record sightings and get help with ID

Asked about her photographic equipment during question time, Linda explained that many of her images were shot using a DSLR with a 100 mm macro lens and a ring flash or, more recently, a mirrorless micro four-thirds camera with a macro lens.

Philip Rayment

## Excursion to Mullungdung Flora & Fauna Reserve & State Forest 23.09.2017

Our intrepid leader, Ken Harris, had planned the trip, with valuable input from Ken Smith. The day turned out to be hot, with a maximum temperature of 31°C.

Most of our group of 15, which included the previous night's guest speaker, Linda Rogan, and her husband Peter, met at the Mechanics Institute in Gormandale. We set off through the green,



rolling farmland, which gave way to bushland of Messmate *Eucalyptus obliqua* dotted with Grey Box *Eucalyptus bosistoana*, Narrow-leaf Peppermint *Eucalyptus radiata* and Mealy Stringybark *Eucalyptus cephalocarpa* with the occasional *Banksia marginata* and *serrata*, Cherry Ballart *Exocarpus cupressiformis*, and Scrub Sheoak *Allocasuarina paludosa*. Hedge Wattle *Acacia paradoxa* in full bloom dominated the landscape with its bright golden, fluffy globes. Other wattles seen were Black Wattle *Acacia mearnsii*, Hop Wattle *Acacia stricta*, Prickly Moses *Acacia verticillata* and Spike Wattle *Acacia oxycedrus*.

Open forest along Goodwood Road (Photo: Tamara Leitch)

Travelling through the bush, it was obvious that some areas had been burnt in the past; one area in February 2008, another in 2011 and, at our last stop on Joyces Rd, a very recent small burn. En route, the occupants of the lead cars witnessed an adult Emu with two chicks run across the road. The azure, jewel-like plumage on the parent bird's neck was stunning.

At our first stop along Anzac Rd, we met up with the remainder of the group "The Birders" who had gone ahead earlier to hear and glimpse, amongst their finds for the day, White-winged Chough, Red and



Brown Beaks (Photo: Tamara Leitch)



Mayfly orchid (Photo: Tamara Leitch)

Little Wattlebirds, White-throated Treecreeper, Scarlet Robin, Grey Fantail, Grey Shrike-thrush, Eastern Spinebill, Yellow-faced and Brown-headed Honeyeaters, Crimson and Eastern Rosellas, Wood Duck, Pied Currawong, Brown and Buff-rumped Thornbill, Superb Fairy Wren, Magpie, Kookaburra, and Fan-tailed and Pallid Cuckoos.

Anzac Rd whetted the appetite of the botanists in us. This seemed to be the most florally diverse area of the day. A variety of orchids was seen including White Fingers *Caladenia catenata*, Brown Beaks *Lyperanthus suaveolens*, Nodding Greenhood *Pterostylis nutans*, Tall Greenhood *P. melagramma* and the unusual Mayfly Orchid *Acianthus caudatus* looking like fine brown sticks,

as well as the Mosquito Orchid *A. pusillus* and only the leaves of *Pyrorchis nigricans*. Other orchids seen over the course of the day were the Gnat Orchid *Cyrtostylis reniformis*, Maroonhood *Pterostylis pedunculata* and Tiny Greenhood *P. parviflora*. Pink Fingers *Caladenia carnea* was dominant at all stops, the Waxlip Orchid *Glossodia major* was seen only at our last location, and the "find of the day", spotted by Tamara on Massey Road, was the Early Caladenia *C. praecox*.

We stopped at Jimmys Track for lunch and our guests left just afterward, unfortunately having seen no native bees – just some feral honeybees, mosquitoes, spiders and a couple of skinks. Occasional termite mounds



Early Caladenia (Photo: Tamara Leitch)



were glimpsed through the trees and, as we were departing, flying termites were hatching out. A good day was had by all.

Rhonda Fitch

\*A plant list for this excursion is available in Appendix II of this Naturalist

Caterpillar of the Two-toned Crestmoth *Fisera belidearia* on Jimmys Track (Photo: Tamara Leitch)

### **REPORT ON BUSINESS MEETING 20.11.2017**

#### Finance

Cash Management Trading Account: \$4,910.65 Term Deposit: \$17,032.88

#### **Business Arising, Correspondence & General Business**

- Summer camp at Mt Buffalo Fri 2 Tues 6 February 2018. Accommodation at Porepunkah Bridge Caravan Park on the Mt Buffalo Rd. 17 have booked cabins and Jay and Joelle are camping at Lake Catani. Phil and Jay have drafted the excursions program.
- SEANA Autumn camp hosted by FNCV Fri 27 Sun 29 April 2018. First circular has been received so will send out with monthly activities email.
- Spending of Club funds: Signage at Dawson Rail Trail is falling into disrepair. Ken has contacted Kylie Singleton from Parks Victoria who supports the plan and will see what funding may be available through Parks Vic in addition to our contribution. Dawson Reserve is managed by the Rail Trail committee, which should also be involved. Meredith Fletcher is presently preparing signs about the history of the railway stations along the trail, so there will probably be a sign going up there about Dawson Railway Station.
- Club name tags: Julie Parker has costed various options and Triangle Trophy Centre in Moe will do any number anytime for \$6.50 with pin, which seems the best option. A list will be circulated, and Wendy will email members to see who would like a name badge. The badge should include a duck orchid but not the complete logo with the Club's name. The committee would like to see a sample badge before a final decision is made.
- Lapel microphones: Matt Campbell and Alix have researched options and propose a package costing ~\$250.
- Club subscriptions for 2018-19: The committee passed a motion 'that the cost of a hard copy be increased by \$5 effective from 2018 subscriptions'. The new subscriptions will be Family \$45/\$35; Single \$30/\$20; Student/Magazine \$15/\$5. The justification for this increase is the increase in postage cost (fees currently do not cover the postage cost) and to encourage greater use of the electronic copy. G Bremner/K Harris
- Ken announced that he has accepted a nomination as a committee member on the Grand Strzelecki Track Committee.
- Matt has received a photograph of the LV Field Nats taken in Morwell NP in 1968 from a new member of the Friends of Morwell NP. Matt will organise copies. Any assistance with identifying members in the photos would be much appreciated.
- Digitising plant lists from Bon and Ollie Thomson and LVFNC: Ken Smith is preparing details of all the plant lists for application.

#### **Conservation Matters**

- Platypus drowning in yabby nets: David S sent a further letter to the Minister for Agriculture, the Hon Jaala Pulford. No reply has been received.
- VicForests logging proposals at Mirboo North: Plant survey of Samson coupe planned for Wed 22 Nov. Meet opposite Old Shire Hall in Mirboo North by 8:30 am. Nocturnal surveys also planned.
- Replacement of bridge on Traralgon-Tyers Rd: There were 4 objections to the proposed road diversion (involving the removal of 49 Strzelecki Gums) at the Council meeting on 13 November. There was some confusion when the motion was passed 'not to grant a permit' but this was not followed through to 'refuse the permit'. This allows VicRoads to resubmit the application at a future Council meeting.

#### Summer Members' Night

Various speakers

January's meeting is our annual Summer Members' Night, where club members can present a short talk (~10 mins) on any topic related to natural history. A projector is available for showing Power Point presentations or photos, if required. If you would like to present to the group on this night, please register your interest by emailing David Stickney at david.stickney@westnet.com.au.



#### Guest speaker for February Matt Bowler

Matt is the Project Delivery Team Leader at the West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority. He will speak about work that has been done over the past decade by the WGCMA, Landcare and other partners to improve the wetlands and rivers in the Corner Inlet catchment.



*Latrobe Valley Naturalist* is the official publication of the Latrobe Valley Field Naturalist Club Inc. The Club subscription includes the "Naturalist".

Brief contributions and short articles on any aspect of natural history are invited from members of all clubs. Articles, including those covering Club speakers and excursions, would typically be around one A4 side in length, should not exceed 1,000 words, and may be edited for reasons of space and clarity. Photos should be sent as an attachment and be a maximum of 1 megabyte in size.

Responsibility for the accuracy of information and opinions expressed in this magazine rests with the author of the article.

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Ferns		
Dennstaedtiaceae	Pteridium esculentum	Austral Bracken
Monocotyledons		
Asparagaceae	Lomandra longifolia subsp. longifolia	Spiny-headed Mat-rush
Cyperaceae	Gahnia radula	Thatch Saw-sedge
	Lepidosperma concavum	Hill Saw-sedge
Liliaceae	Dianella revoluta	Black-anther Flax-lily
Orchidaceae	Cyrtostylis reniformis	Gnat Orchid
	Pterostylis concinna	Trim Greenhood
	Pterostylis nutans	Nodding Greenhood
Poaceae	Imperata cylindrica	Blady Grass
Dicotyledons		
Apiaceae	Hydrocotyle laxiflora	Stinking Pennywort
Asteraceae	Coronidium scorpioides	Curling Everlasting
	Hypochoeris radicata*	Cat's-ear
	Olearia lirata	Snow Daisy-bush
Casuarinaceae	Allocasuarina littoralis	Black She-oak
Chenopodiaceae	Einadia sp.	Saltbush
Convolvulaceae	Dichondra repens	Kidney-weed
Dilleniaceae	Hibbertia fasciculata var. prostrata	Bundled Guinea-flower
	Hibbertia virgata	Twiggy Guinea-flower
Ericaceae	Acrotriche serrulata	Honey Pots
	Astroloma humifusum	Cranberry Heath
	Brachyloma daphnoides	Daphne Heath
	Epacris impressa	Common Heath
	Leucopogon ericoides	Pink Beard-heath
	Styphelia adscendens	Golden Heath
Euphorbiaceae	Phyllanthus hirtellus	Thyme Spurge
Fabaceae	Acacia brownii	Golden Prickly Wattle
	Acacia dealbata	Silver Wattle
	Acacia implexa	Lightwood
	Acacia mearnsii	Black Wattle
	Acacia melanoxylon	Blackwood
	Acacia oxycedrus	Spike Wattle
	Bossiaea cinerea	Showy Bossiaea
	Bossiaea prostrata	Creeping Bossiaea
	Glycine clandestina	Twining Glycine

	Hardenbergia violacea	Purple Coral-pea
*Introduced species	Indigofera australis	Austral Indigo
	Kennedia prostrata	Running Postman
Gentianaceae	Centaurium erythraea*	Common Centaury
Loranthaceae	Amyema pendula	Drooping Mistletoe
Myrtaceae	Callistemon citrinus	Crimson Bottlebrush
	Eucalyptus bridgesiana	Apple Box
	Eucalyptus consideniana	Yertchuk
	Eucalyptus globoidea	White Stringybark
	Eucalyptus melliodora	Yellow Box
	Eucalyptus polyanthemos	Red Box
	Eucalyptus tereticornis subsp. mediana	Gippsland Red Gum
	Kunzea ericoides subsp. agg.	Burgan
	Leptospermum continentale	Prickly Tea-tree
	Leptospermum myrsinoides	Silky Tea-tree
Oxalidaceae	Oxalis perennans	Grassland Wood-sorrel
Pittosporaceae	Bursaria spinosa var. spinosa	Sweet Bursaria
Proteaceae	Banksia marginata	Silver Banksia
	Banksia serrata	Saw Banksia
Rubiaceae	Opercularia varia	Variable Stinkweed
Rutaceae	Correa reflexa var. speciosa	Common Correa
Santalaceae	Exocarpos cupressiformis	Cherry Ballart
Scrophulariaceae	Veronica calycina	Hairy Speedwell
Stackhousiaceae	Stackhousia monogyna	Creamy Candles
Violaceae	Melicytus dentatus	Tree Violet
	Viola hederacea	Ivy-leaf Violet

## APPENDIX II – Plant list for Mullungdung Flora & Fauna Reserve & Mullungdung State Forest 23.09.2017 (W. Savage)

Pteridium esculentum

Lindsaea linearis

#### Ferns

Dennstaedtiaceae Lindsaeaceae

Monocotyledons

Asparagaceae Asparagaceae Asphodelaceae Cyperaceae Cyperaceae Liliaceae Liliaceae Orchidaceae Orchidaceae

#### Dicotyledons

Apiaceae Araliaceae Asteraceae Asteraceae Asteraceae Asteraceae Asteraceae Asteraceae Asteraceae Asteraceae Asteraceae Casuarinaceae Celastraceae

Lomandra filiformis subsp. coriacea Lomandra longifolia subsp. longifolia Xanthorrhoea minor Gahnia radula Lepidosperma laterale Burchardia umbellata Dianella revoluta Acianthus caudatus Acianthus pusillus Caladenia carnea Caladenia catenata Caladenia praecox Cyrtostylis reniformis Glossodia major Lyperanthus suaveolens Pterostylis melagramma Pterostylis nutans Pterostylis parviflora Pterostylis pedunculata Pyrorchis nigricans

Xanthosia dissecta Hydrocotyle hirta Cassinia longifolia Coronidium scorpioides Cotula australis Euchiton sp. Hypochoeris radicata\* Lagenophora stipitata Leptorhynchos nitidulus Olearia lirata Olearia phlogopappa Solenogyne gunnii Allocasuarina littoralis Stackhousia monogyna Austral Bracken Screw Fern

Wattle Mat-rush Spiny-headed Mat-rush Small Grass-tree Thatch Saw-sedge Variable Sword-sedge Milkmaids Black-anther Flax-lily Mayfly Orchid **Mosquito Orchid Pink Fingers** White Caladenia Early Caladenia **Gnat Orchid** Waxlip Orchid **Brown Beaks** Tall Greenhood **Nodding Greenhood Tiny Greenhood** Maroonhood **Red Beak Orchid** 

Cut-leaf Xanthosia Hairy Pennywort Shiny Cassinia Curling Everlasting Common Cotula Cudweed Cat's-ear Common Lagenifera Shiny Buttons Snowy Daisy-bush Dusty Daisy-bush Solenogyne Black She-oak Creamy Candles

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Clusiaceae	Hypericum gramineum
Convolvulaceae	Dichondra repens
Dilleniaceae	Hibbertia aspera
Droseraceae	Drosera auriculata
Ericaceae	Acrotriche serrulata
Ericaceae	Astroloma humifusum
Euphorbiaceae	Phyllanthus hirtellus
Fabaceae	Acacia genistifolia
Fabaceae	Acacia mearnsii
Fabaceae	Acacia myrtifolia
Fabaceae	Acacia oxycedrus
Fabaceae	Acacia paradoxa
Fabaceae	Acacia verniciflua
Fabaceae	Acacia verticillata
Fabaceae	Bossiaea prostrata
Fabaceae	Glycine clandestina
Fabaceae	Hardenbergia violacea
Fabaceae	Hovea heterophylla
Fabaceae	Kennedia prostrata
Fabaceae	Platylobium montanum
Gentianaceae	Centaurium tenuiflorum*
Lamiaceae	Ajuga australis
Myrtaceae	Eucalyptus baxteri
Myrtaceae	Eucalyptus cephalocarpa
Myrtaceae	Eucalyptus cypellocarpa
Myrtaceae	Eucalyptus obliqua
Myrtaceae	Kunzea ericoides subsp. agg.
Myrtaceae	Melaleuca ericifolia
Oxalidaceae	Oxalis corniculata*
Phyllanthaceae	Poranthera microphylla
Pittosporaceae	Bursaria spinosa
Plantaginaceae	Plantago debilis
Polygalaceae	Comesperma volubile
Proteaceae	Banksia marginata
Proteaceae	Banksia serrata
Proteaceae	Lomatia ilicifolia
Rubiaceae	Opercularia varia
Rutaceae	Boronia anemonifolia
Rutaceae	Correa reflexa var. speciosa
Santalaceae	Exocarpos cupressiformis
Scrophulariaceae	Veronica calycina
Thymeliaceae	Pimelea humilis
Violaceae	Viola hederacea

Little St. John's Wort Kidney-weed **Rough Guinea-flower Tall Sundew Honey Pots** Cranberry Heath **Thyme Spurge** Spreading Wattle **Black Wattle** Myrtle Wattle Spike Wattle Hedge Wattle Varnish Wattle **Prickly Moses Creeping Bossiaea Twining Glycine** Purple Coral-pea **Erect Hovea Running Postman** Handsome Flat-pea **Branched Centaury** Austral Bugle **Brown Stringybark** Silver Stringybark Mountain Grey Gum Messmate Burgan Swamp Paperbark Yellow Wood-sorrel **Small Poranthera** Sweet Bursaria Shade Plantain Love Creeper Silver Banksia Saw Banksia Holly Lomatia Variable Stinkweed Sticky Boronia Common Correa **Cherry Ballart** Hairy Speedwell Common Rice-flower Ivy-leaf Violet

\*Introduced species