

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

## **BELLAMBI LAGOON**

**Party:** Brian Everingham, Valerie Atkinson, Esther Chow, Sam Garrett-Jones, Ken Griffiths, Graham Grocott and Suzanne Wicks.

**Weather:** Close to a perfect early winter day. Lots of sunshine and a few clouds to create interest.

**Reference:** G and J Souter: Best Bush, Coast and Village Walks of the Illawarra, page 66

A grade 2 half day walk of about 7km, following shared walking/cycle paths and walking along the beach but there was the additional 3km walk to and from Corrimbal station!

Note that we walked it in anti-clockwise direction, walking from Cawley Road south along the bushland strip leading to Towradgi Creek and inlet before walking north, along Corrimbal Beach to Bellambi Point, around Bellambi Harbour and then inland on the western foreshore of Bellambi Lagoon before returning to the train.

We began by dodging Ramblers (and NPA members) who were riding the circuit on bikes before getting distracted by some cooperative birds.



It was nice that the Spotted Pardalotes were lured in to be seen by the entire party.



Photo courtesy Ken Griffiths

And so was a female Golden Whistler.



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Great Egret



Towradgi Creek



Boys will be boys

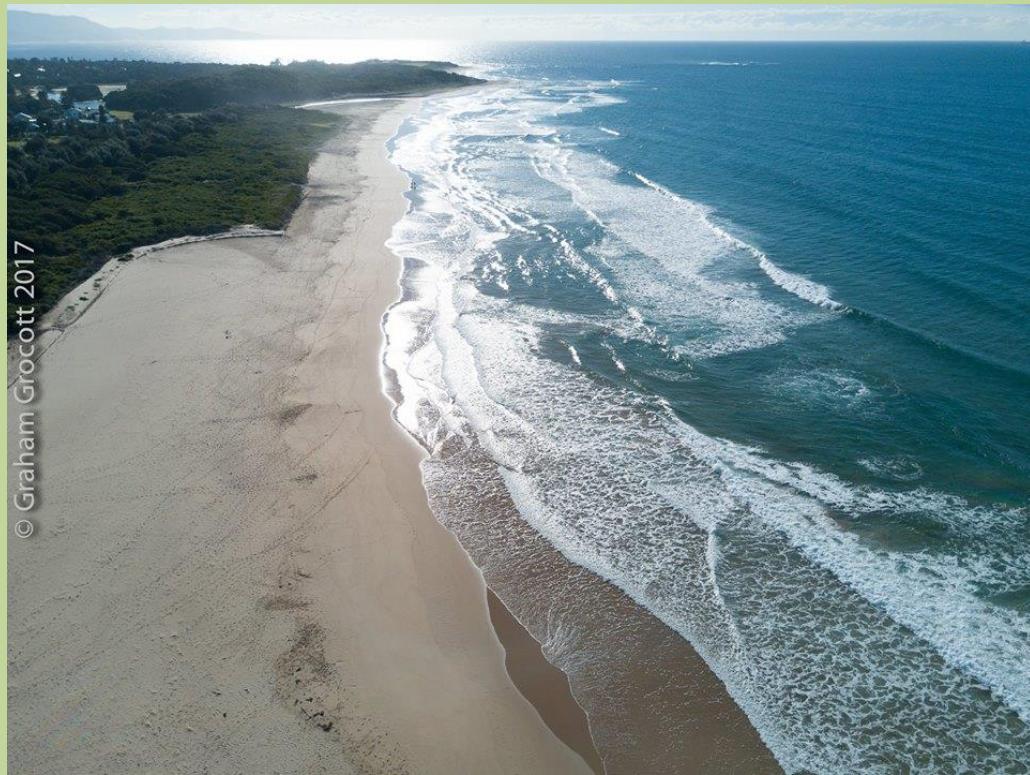


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Corrimal Beach



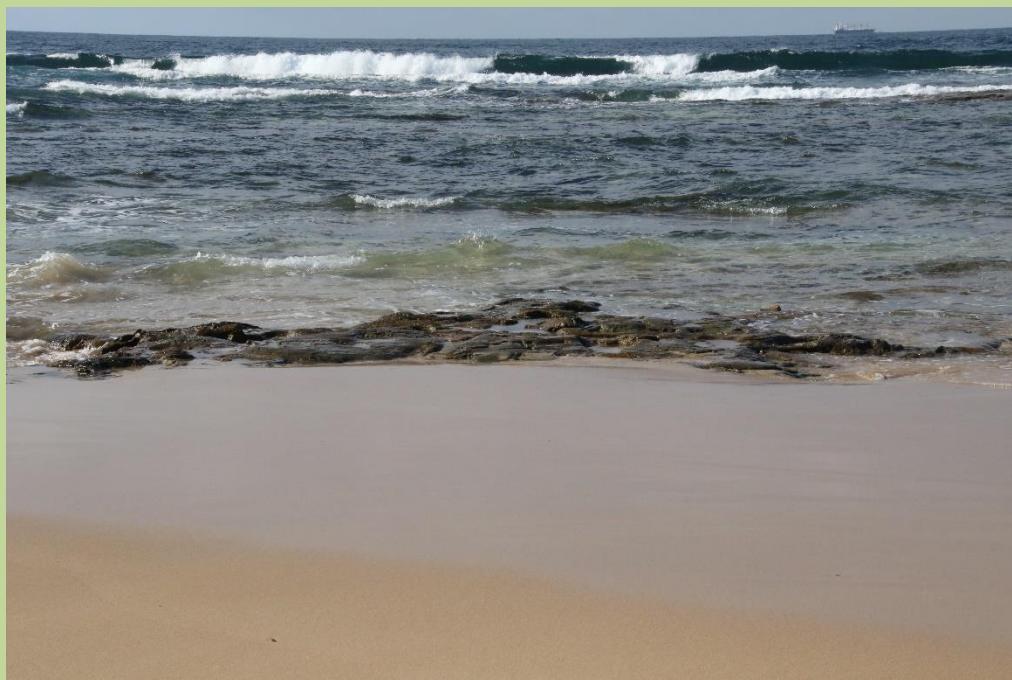
Wollongong



Esther strides out in quiet thought



And an industrial legacy



Near here Cook tried to lower a long boat to find fresh water but a change of wind made him change his mind and he proceeded to Botany Bay.

It was April 28<sup>th</sup> 1770









Bellambi Lagoon – it was amazing to see the birdlife here!







The frustration of having batteries go dead!



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