

COSTENS POINT

AUGUST 30TH 2021

Prior to our daily appointment with Gladys, we escaped into Royal National Park for our isolated exercise program. The return walk is only about 3km but with some additional exploration amongst the old settlement we managed a little more than that and we could pretend to be archaeologists as well!

Now the last time I led a party here was a photography session in 2017 and I wrote that

“William Costen arrived in 1844 and in 1870 he was granted 40 acres on what is now Costens Point. Here he careened and repaired vessels on the shoals of the estuary, processed lime from shell grit and removed timber for firewood for the whaling vessels. After his wife died the property changed hands (1882), was subdivided and eventually taken over by NPWS in the 1970s.”

In other words, this parcel of land is a relatively recent addition to Royal National Park.

The day I took that party (a party of four so it would fit under the recently released guidelines for party size come mid-September) it was a wet March Day and the main focus seemed to be fungi. Today we did not have any such distraction.



However, the *Angophora hispida* was in bud. Indeed, on this very plant, some flowering had already been completed and was looking tired! It was way beyond attracting jewel beetles!



Common Scalyfoot - *Pygopus lepidopodus*

Apparently, the days are starting to warm up!





Brown Ringlet





Looking across to Warumbul



And into South West Arm









Grevillea diffusa and friend





Glossodia minor



Woollsia pungens



Drosera peltata





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