

Locked Down Sydney

SEPTEMBER 1ST 2021 THE MEADOWS WARUMBUL AND ALLAMBIE FLAT



Two thoughts arose in my head as I walked the track today! The first is that the camera cannot record the soundscape as one walks; the Yellow-faced Honeyeaters, the Grey Shrike-thrush, the pair of Eastern Whipbirds that called and then came out to observe us, or the twittering of the Grey Fantail! They are aural tracks of the day. So, too, are the soundscapes wherever we might wander but, in my world, it is bird call that I attend to. The other sounds disappear into some black hole!

The other is the colour palette! One wonders what colour wheel is dominant today! I believe it was Isaac Newton who came up with the idea of a colour wheel to illustrate the relationship of colours to each other but so many artists have used the concept! Today, along The Meadows Fire Trail, the dominant colour would be somewhere between blue and purple! Last week I would have said yellow.

Unless, of course, one lifts one's eyes from the flowers! Then the dominant colours are greens and browns But let us head off

On the first day of spring, on a day when the maximum temperature is planned to reach 26 degrees (not making summer sound attractive), we got away from home before 8.00am and walked The Meadows Fire Trail once more!



Lobelia dentata



Philotheca reichenbachii



Glossodia minor





Selaginella uliginosa





Lasiopetalum rufum





Lomatia silaifolia



Seed capsule for a Woody Pear – *Xylomelum pyriforme*



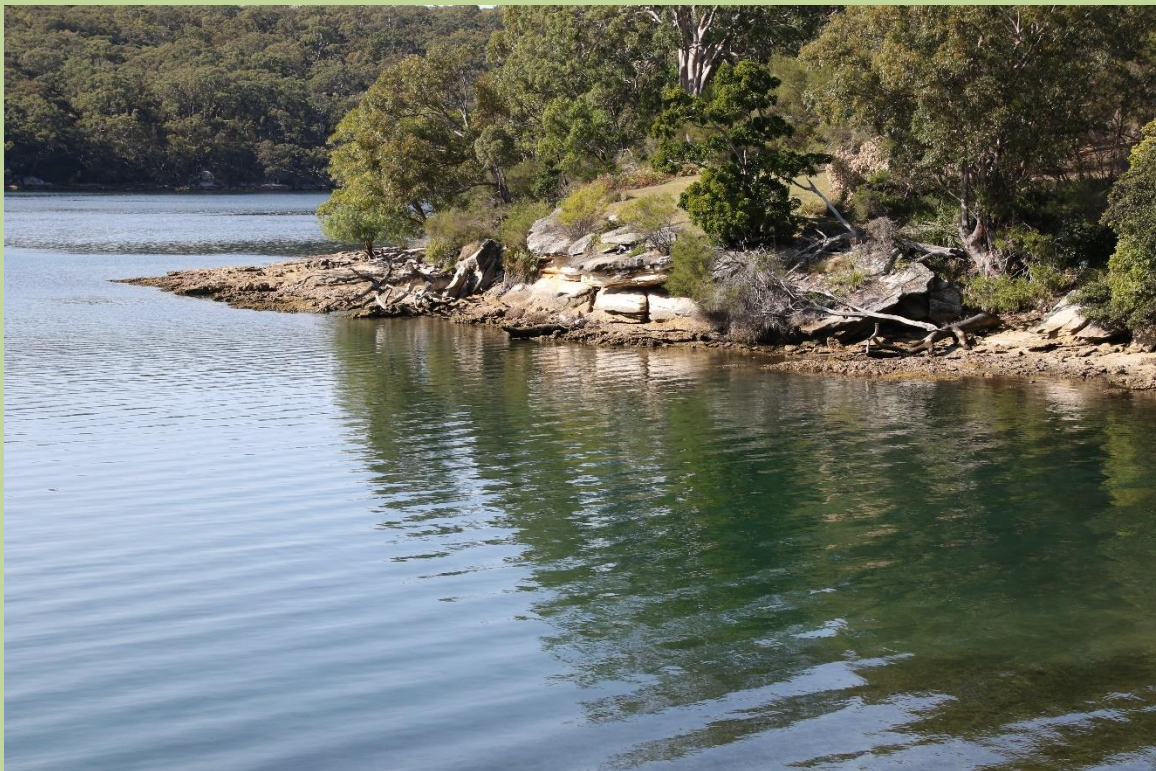
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After that walk Faye and I went down to Warumbul once more and took out another three large bags of Mother-of-Millions! There is more work to do!



Collecting roadside rubbish







Livistona australis

And having emptied our bags in the bins at Audley we then dropped into Allambie Flat to check if the weeds were returning there!

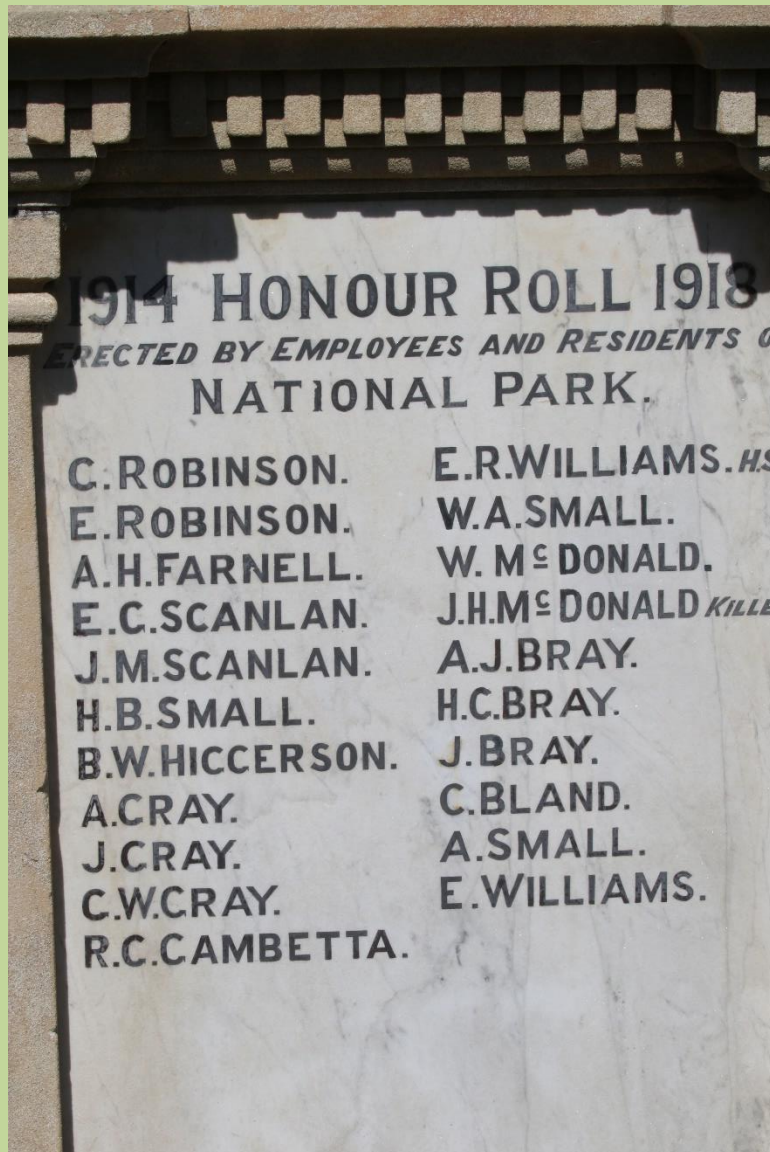


Large Cormorant



Why does the Willie Wagtail always look angry?





Brian Everingham