

Heathcote National Park

Friday 14th January 2022

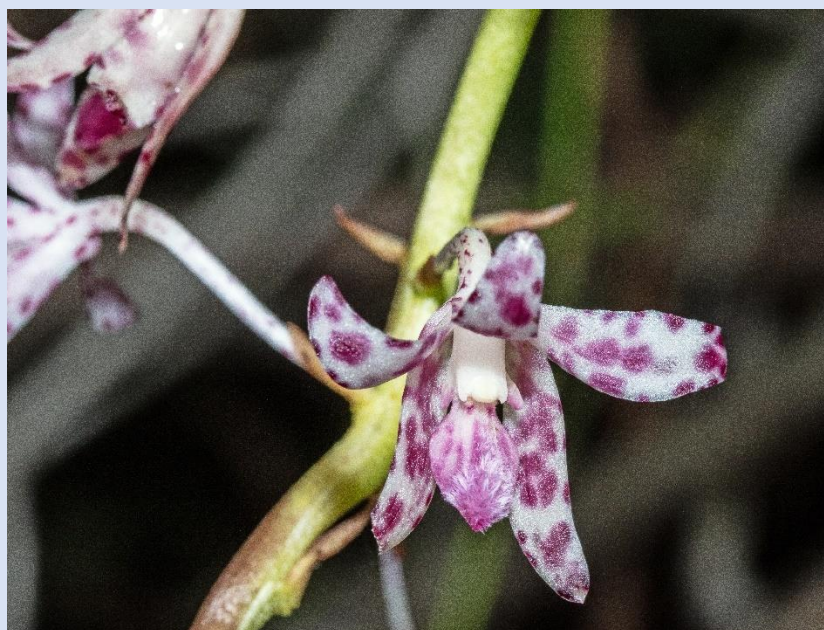
This morning I wallowed in not just one but six poems before and after breakfast; before, even, the day had truly become! That helps clear the head for the day ahead.

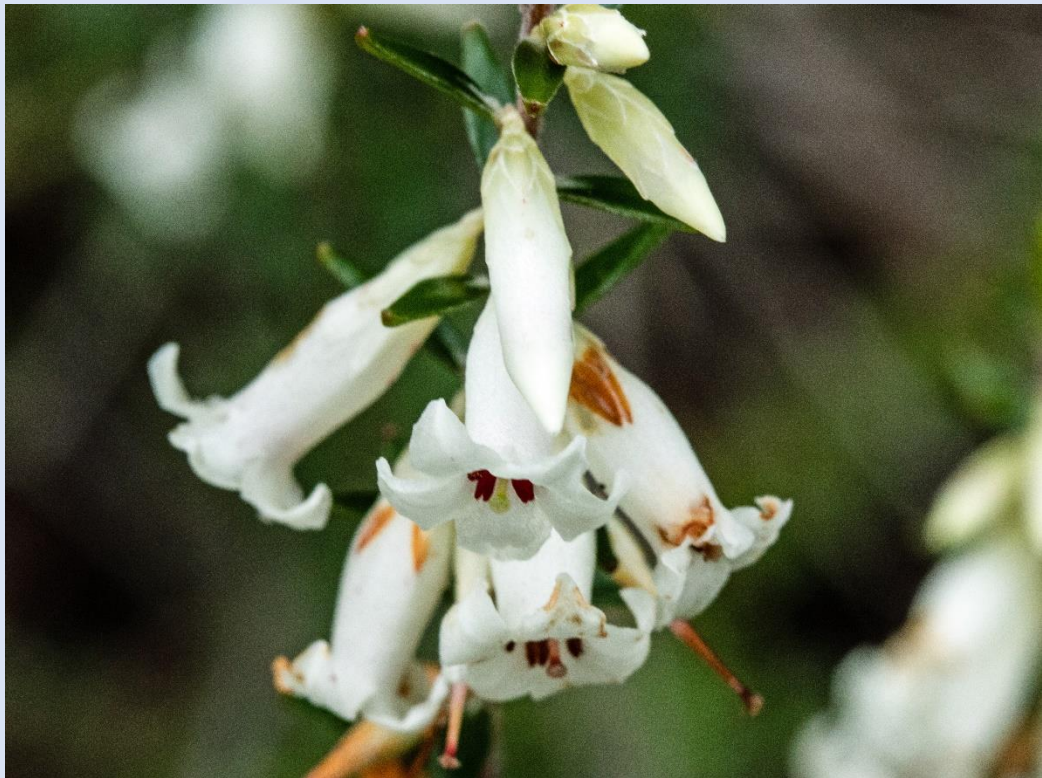
It was, when it arrived, a sunny day too! A day to test the groin and the knee!

We walked the Pipeline Track in Heathcote National Park this morning. We entered near Sarahs Knob and walked about 2.5km in before returning for lunch. It was quite humid and even though the fire trail there is mostly tarred, there was a lot of water around!

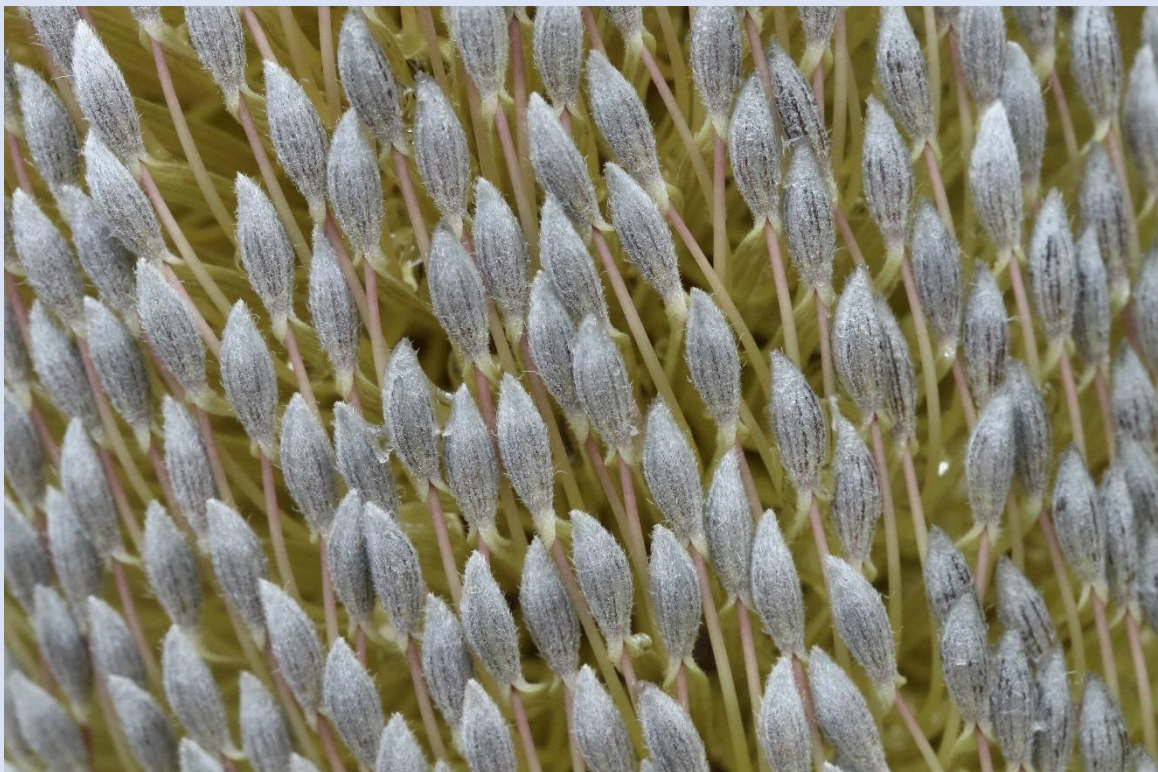


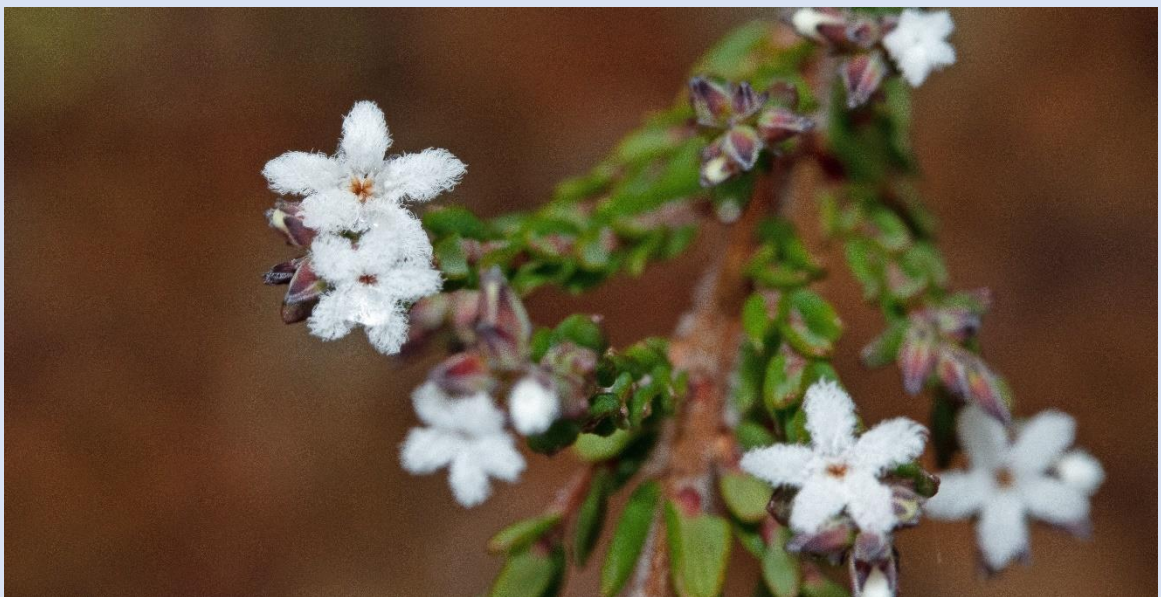
The only species of orchid in flower today: *Dipodium variegatum*





Epacris obtusifolia





Leucopogon microphyllus



Our first bee for today: not the first Petrophile!!!!



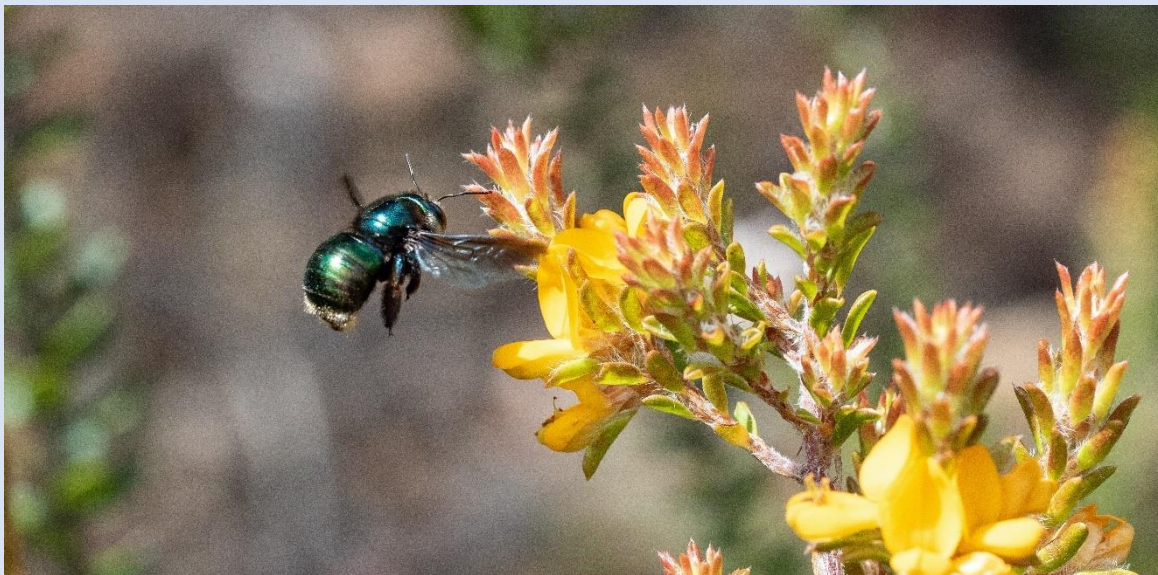
Lambertia formosa (for Valerie)



Angophora hispida





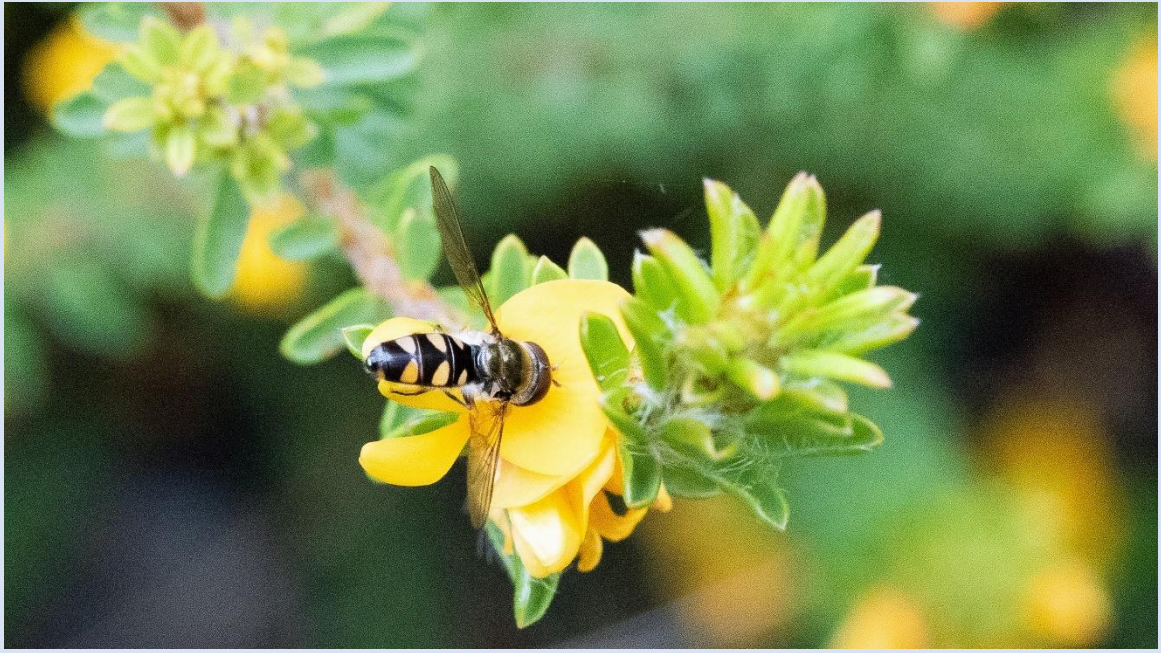


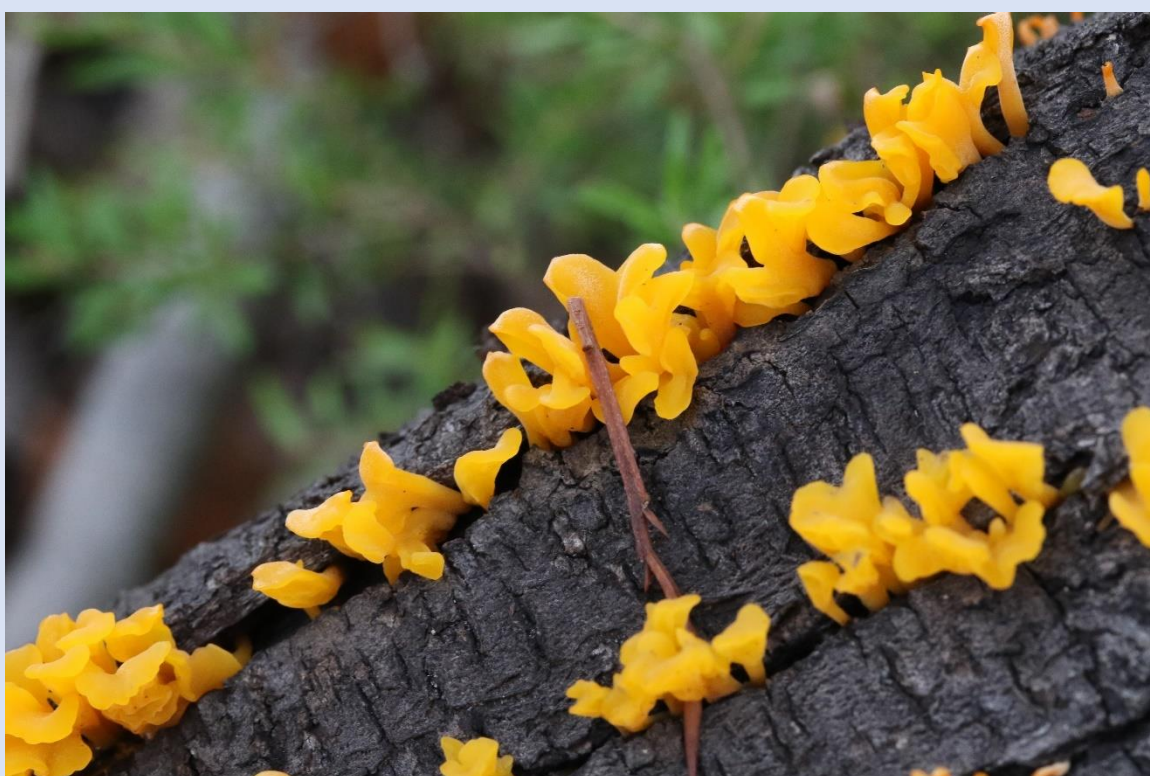
Green Carpenter Bees loved these Pultenaea!!!!
Pultenaea tuberculata

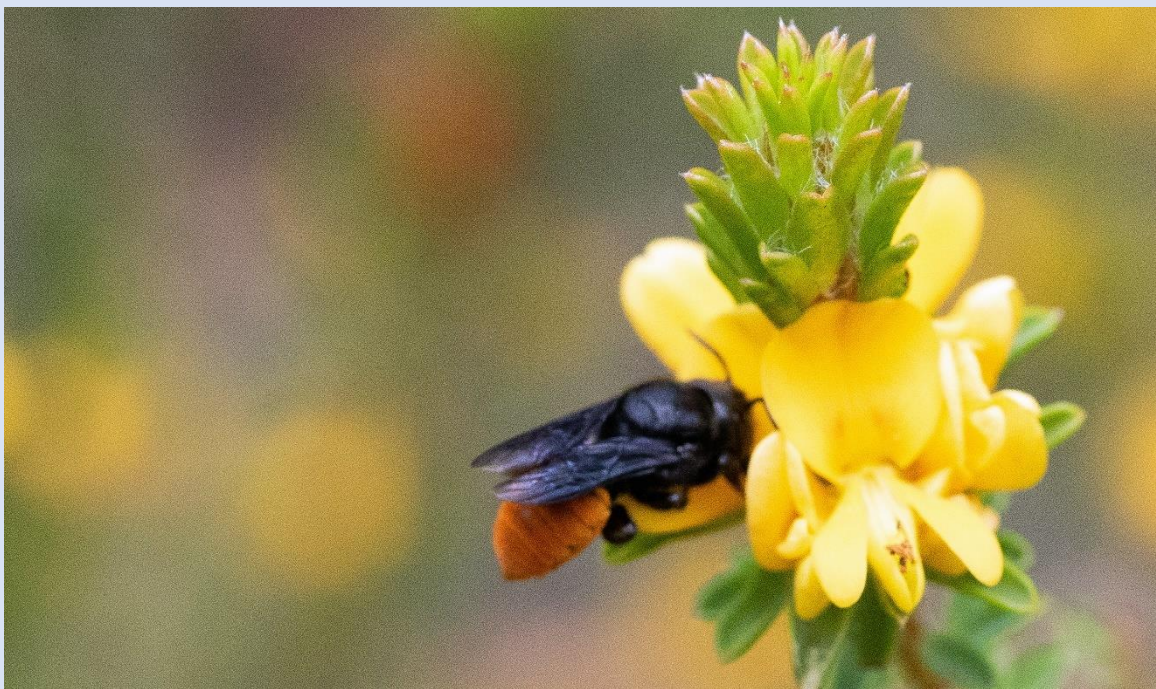


Copper-tailed Skink



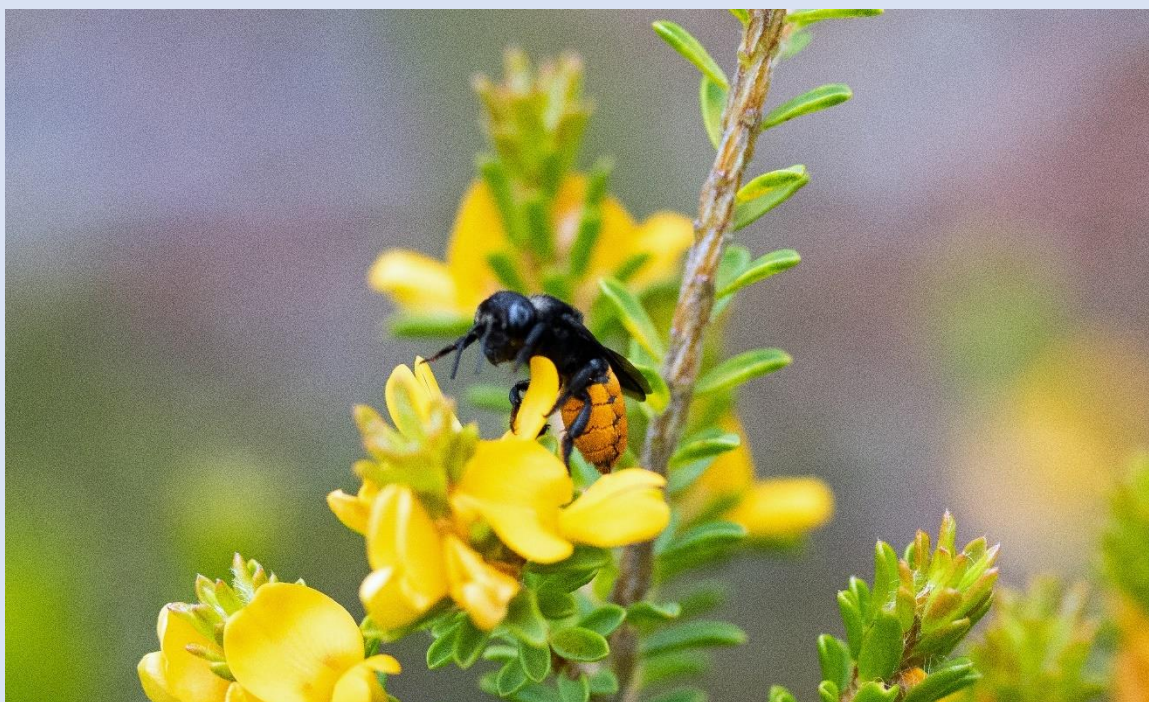






This is a solitary bee and build nest by resin, gum or mud in enclosed spaces such as space between folds of fabric and old Mud-Dauber Wasp nest. They will nest in drilled wooden blocks too.¹

¹ https://www.brisbaneinsects.com/brisbane_bees/FiretailedResinBee.htm



Megachile mystaceana – Fire-tailed Resin Bee







And as I write, to the music of Ezir-Kara, to the taste of a Pinot Grigio, all is well with the world! The album is *Marmota!*