

Morton National Park

Bundanoon Sector

A Pictorial in Two Parts

September 13th 2020

The goal was to visit Bundanoon and that section of Morton National Park. Bundanoon was my first ever NPA bushwalk, way back in 1975, under the leadership of Ann Hamilton. We stayed in the YHA and I have great affection for it and the village. Equally, I have great affection for this section of a park that remains one of my favourites, even if I shall never be able to repeat some of those tough long-distance walks again.

The other reason why I wanted to see this section was that during what appears to now be dubbed the Black Summer the entire village was under direct threat and the area was heavily burnt. I wanted to see how it had fared.

Ironically, as we arrived, so did the rain. Well, it was not much but it did keep us in our car for our lunch.





It was quite misty



Gambell's Lookout





Prasophyllum brevilabre





*Solanum aviculare*¹



¹ <https://austplants.com.au/Solanum-aviculare-Kangaroo-Apple>











Amazing growth from the base of a burnt out tree



The hakea has shed its seed



Prasophyllum brevilabre



Two species of *Drosera*



An example of anthocyanin in newly emergent leaves. It may provide protection against insect attack and/or sun damage





Suckering



Epicormic growth



What a Bonnie View







The Wishing Well





Seedling

Wednesday 19th January 2022

We were last here on 13th September 2020 and it was also raining on that day! On that day the bush looked sad, post-fires; scarred with little understorey left, dependent on epicormic shoots and growth from tubers! Much has changed since that trip!



The understorey is thick with growth



Mind you, those trunks are still blackened!



Platysace lanceolata



Singing in the rain





Goodenia heterophylla



The ducks are still out! *Caleana major*



Not sure about the bee!



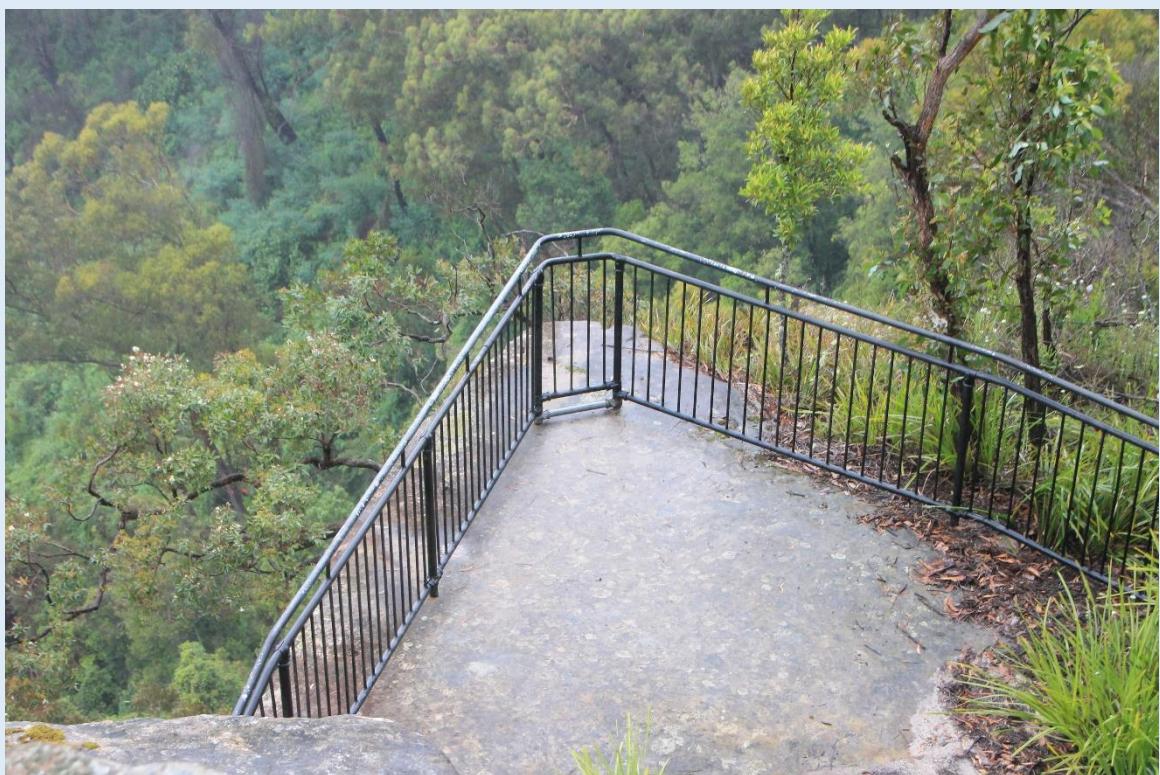


Now officially bleak!









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