

The Illawarra Escarpment State Conservation Area

January 20th 2022

We left the car just south of the Boomerang Golf Course and walked towards Sublime Point: slowly!!!



Yes, there was a lot to see. There was also the odd thing to bring back. One fat leech, for example, thought it worthwhile coming home in my shoe and when I took it off it fell out and spilt most of the blood it had removed from my body (you'd think it would take some from the toenail still black from the door that landed on it, but, no, it took the easy option).

One observation is in order. The first is that the track is awash, is eroding down its centre and is braiding where the wet mud is most obvious. It calls out for better track design, of drainage points, of suitable materials, etc. If the government wants increased visitation, it should surely provide the requisite resources to protect the natural values people come to see.

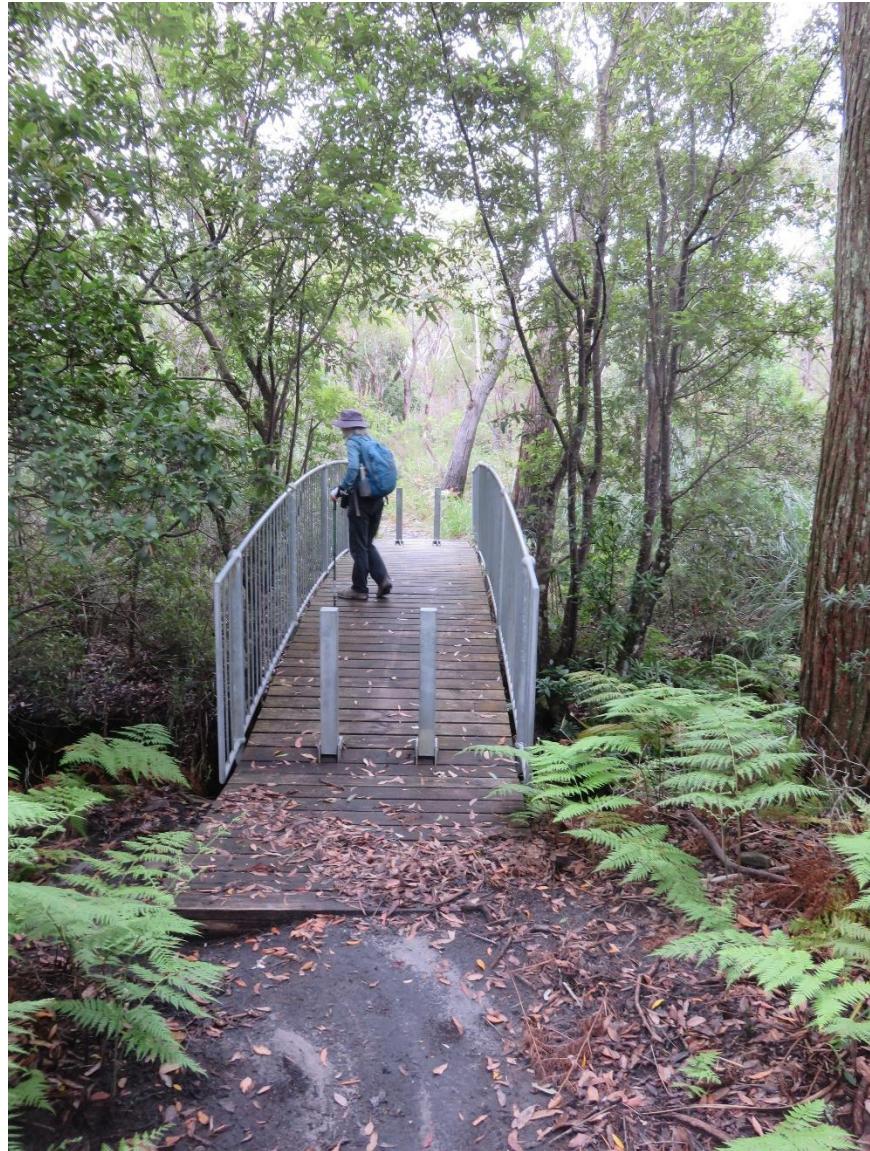






And, yes, there are weeds. Thankfully, not too many in this area, though on the edges there is a lot of Crofton Weed.







There were many *Cryptostylis erecta* today





Cryptostylis subulata





Dipodium striatum in bud



Lots of *Scaevola ramosissima*





Platysace lanceolata



