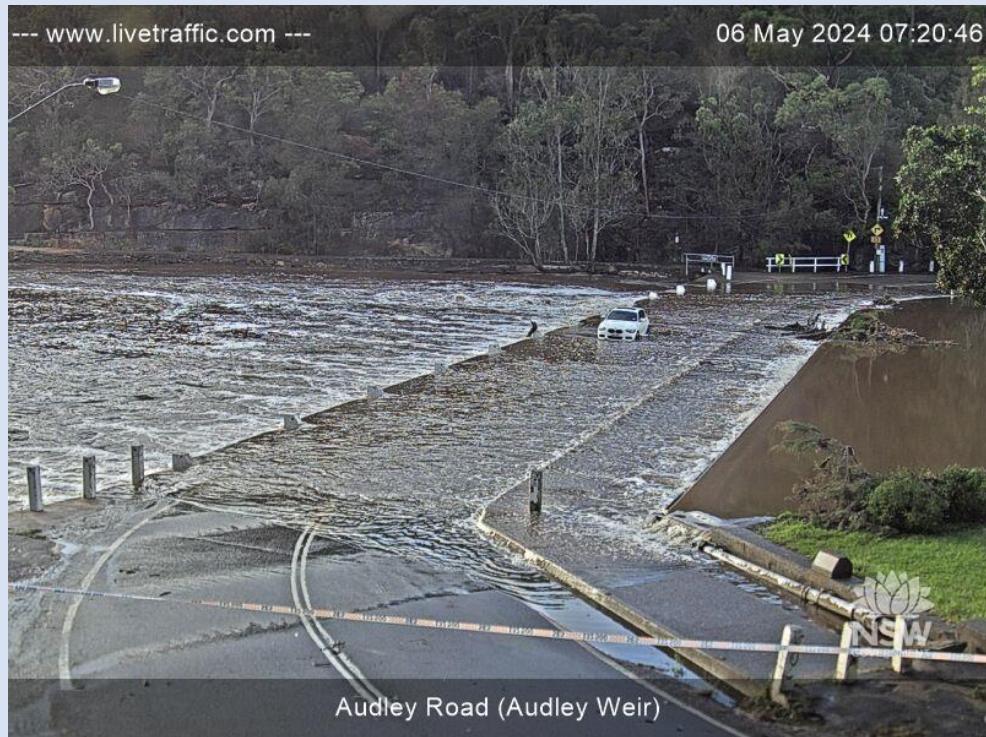


Monday 6th May 2024



We had planned to walk from Wattamolla today. The fate of that car, stuck on the weir since yesterday evening, tells its own story. But walk we did! We opted to head to Dharawal National Park instead.

There was a party of five and of course, given the rains, we had to stop at first at Maddens Falls!



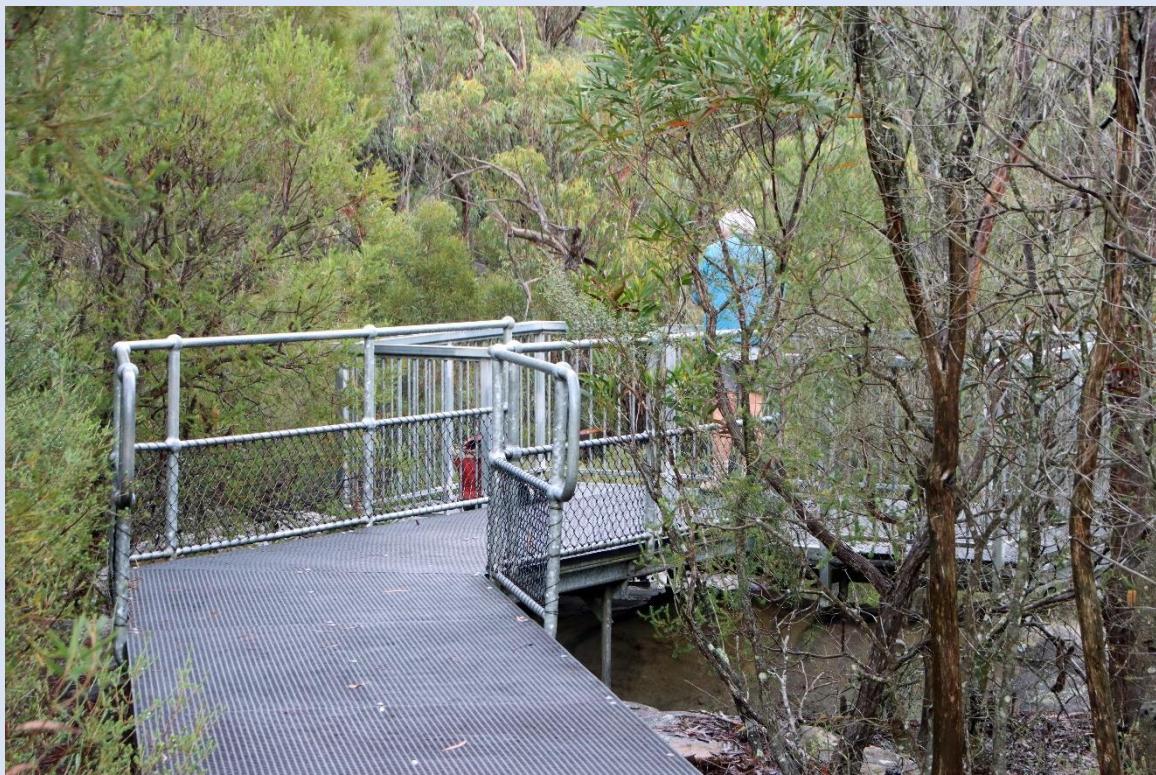
The creek was running a banker



The check dam used by the orchid is full



The tracks are wet



So, we are expectant



Suitably impressive



Let's not cross today



Having completed that side trip, without rain, we then drove on to walk the ridge line along the 10H fire trail. Our luck didn't last. While we enjoyed patches of sunshine, there were many more times when the rain fell, heavily!

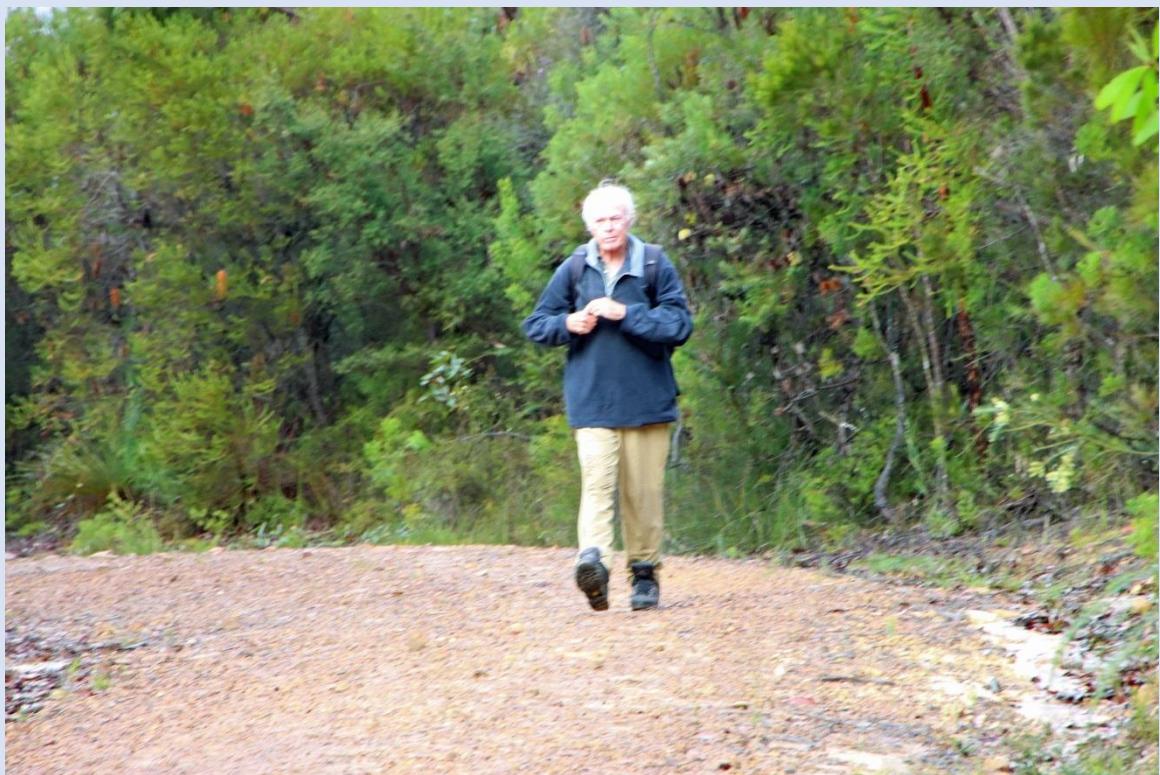


Photo courtesy of Dave: a wet Brian and Valerie



But OK for fungi





Paul through the haze and rain

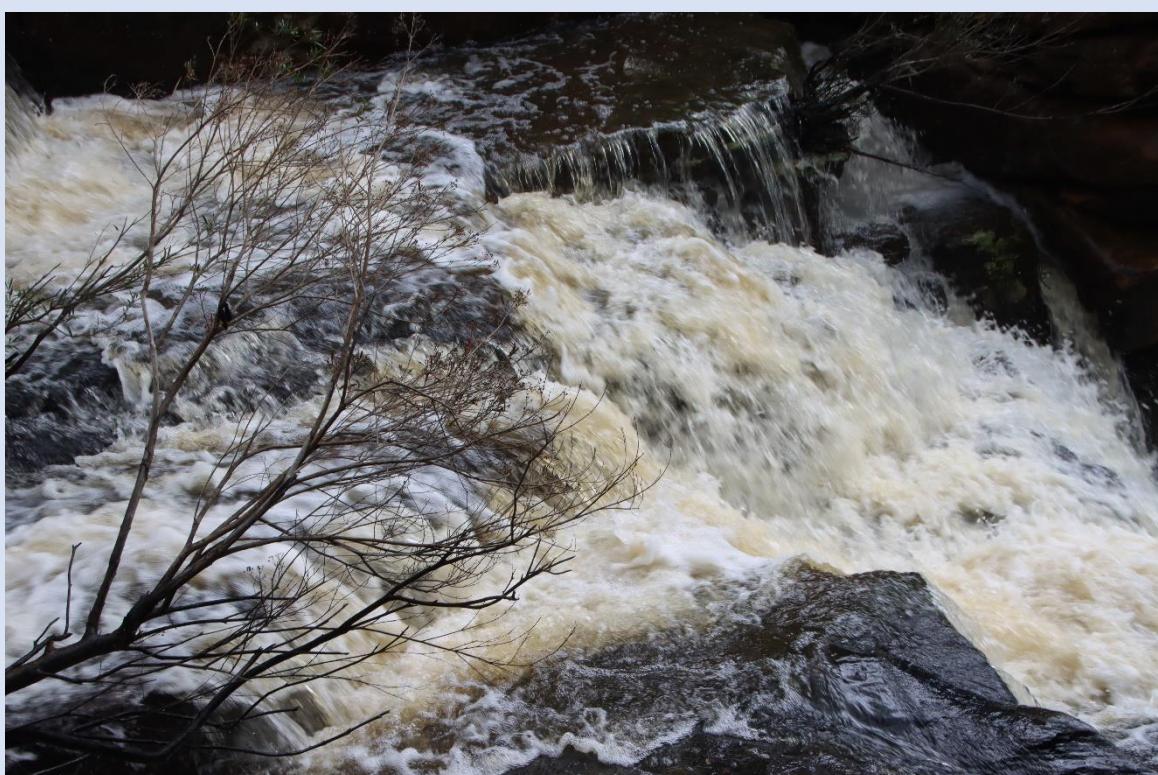


And having reached the transition forest, with the rain coming in, we returned to the cars, stopping briefly when the rains ceased, to have an early lunch.

Half way through that lunch, someone turned on the taps. Without warning, down it came!!!!

Bedraggled, we slopped back to the cars, spread wet gear out and decided that the best way to spend some time is visit another waterfall.

So off we went to the Kellys Falls section of Garawarra SCA! Funnily enough, we had it to ourselves!





No, we didn't cross the creek to look back at the full falls. That would have been leech heaven!

Instead, we finished the "walk" overlooking Stanwell Park!





Oh, the Audley weir was still closed!

Brian Everingham

