

Mowlee Ridge (Little Marley Fire Trail)

Distance: 11km

Ascent: 150m

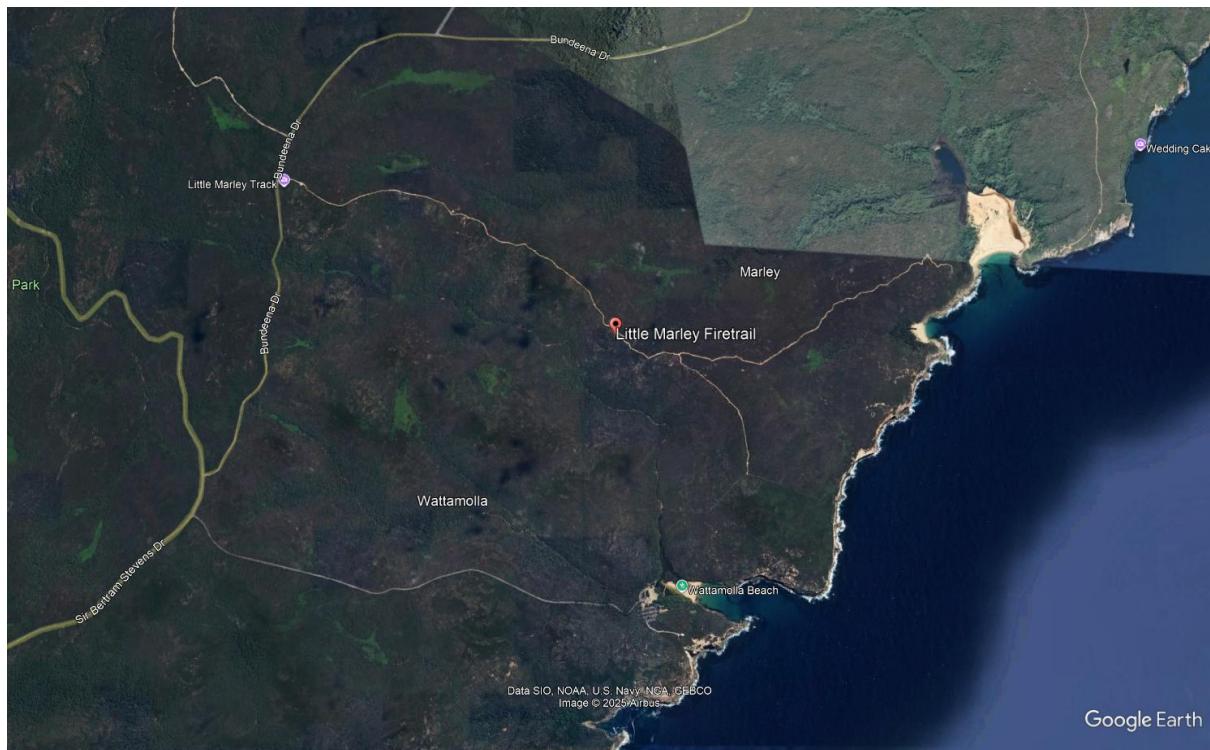
Grade: 2/3

Map: Port Hacking 1:25000

Track Conditions: Fire trail but soft and muddy in places

Weather: Dry, partial cloud and moderate temperatures for mid-August

Party: Brian Everingham (i/c), Sue Bosdyk, Valerie Atkinson, Suzanne Wicks, Helen Fletcher, Helen Zammitt, Kerrie McLean, Ann Sharp, Paul Lofts, Elaine Yeoh, Dave Noble and Roger Lembit



Birds seen/heard enroute: Grey Shrike-Thrush, New Holland Honeyeater, White-naped Honeyeater, Little Wattlebird, Eastern Whipbird, Eastern Spinebill, Black-shouldered Kite, Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo (there must have been more. That is a paltry effort – perhaps we were being dazzled by the yellow and white vistas.

The leader (me) limited and under medical orders today and possibly stretched it a bit too far as the post-cataract eye is now quite puffy. As for the knee, no problem. But there will not be the normal photographic display in this minimalist report. Proud of Valerie and Suzanne who were also both reaching the upper limits of current distances today, a consideration I must keep in mind on any walks I take out!

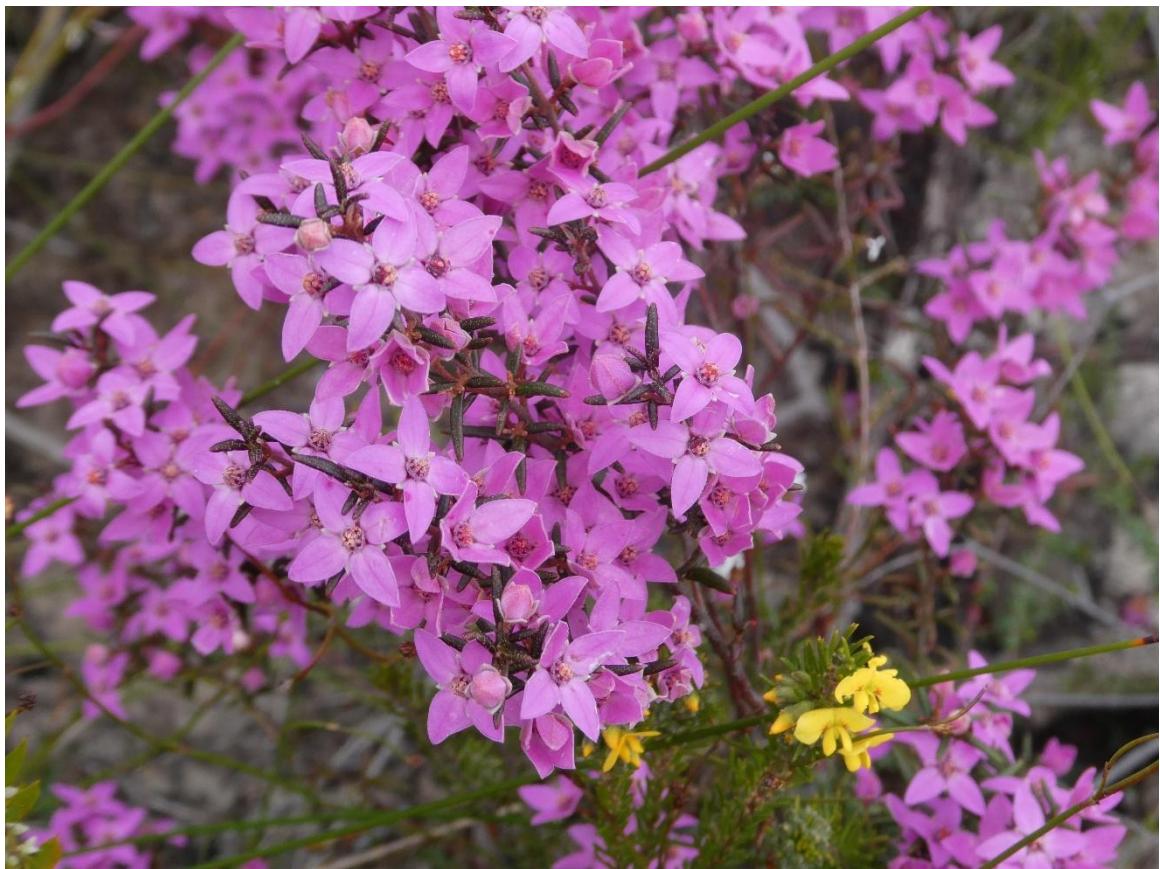
So, without further ado, here are a few images. People can supplement this report on an early spring in the heath by looking at the magnificent photos of Elaine Yeoh and the equally useful images from Roger Lembit and Dave Noble.





I am not labelling plants this time. Many are already tagged and labelled by others on their Facebook posts

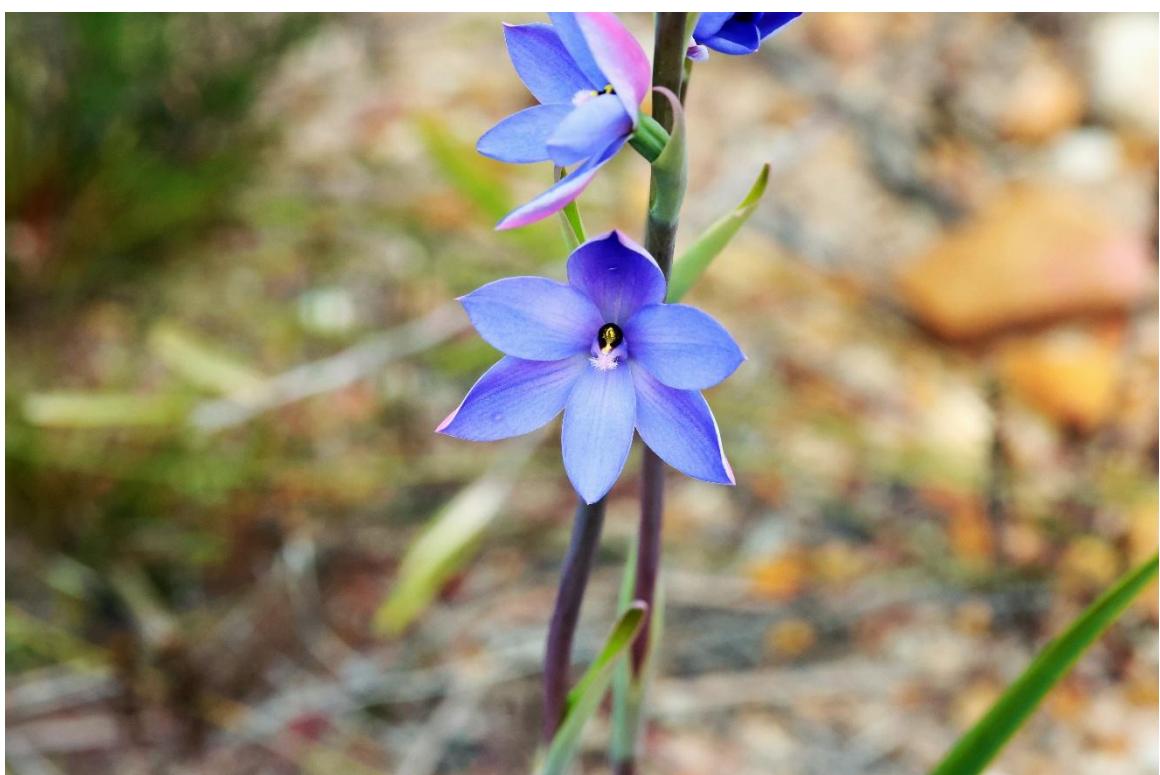














Perhaps, next time, I shall be “allowed” to go “macro”!



Brian Everingham