Wolli Creek

Wednesday 2nd December 2015

Today I led a walk from Bexley North to Wolli Creek through the Wolli Creek Regional Park.

It is not a long walk and much is quite weedy but it is nevertheless an important wildlife corridor and it is good to know that the M5 did go underground. Let's hope WestConnex does not impinge on any more of the bushland. We are already in short supply! Wildlife corridors are not and should never be considered waster land waiting for further human interference.



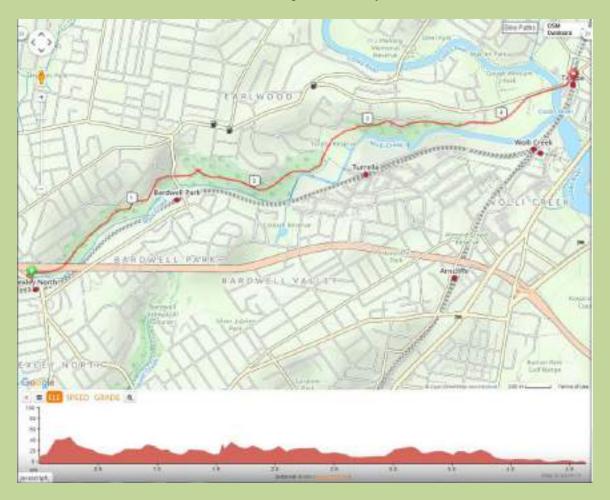
The party, ten in total, included Esther Chow, Brian Everingham, Colin Fulton, Ken Griffiths, Chris Lloyd, David Noble, John Prats, Gary Schoer, Shirley Stokes and Suzanne Wicks. Two did not appear to make it from the original bookings. It seems like these activities are growing in popularity even if not all participants carry a camera to record the wildlife.

But don't we learn a lot! There are so many people with so much enthusiasm to share knowledge about our world! It is a real pleasure to be the coordinator to unlock that sharing.

And thanks to Suzanne, here is the detail you all wish to know.



That's the gradient, Gary!



Track notes can be copied from the following site: www.canterbury.nsw.gov.au/files/5ba92091.../TwoValleyTrail-Map.pdf

Those notes include this and Cooks River as well as the linking track along Cup and Saucer Creek.



But let us begin; from Bexley North we plunged into very weedy areas and you'd ignore it except that the canopy species are mostly native, mostly in good condition and do provide a basis to begin the arduous task of bush regeneration. A task carried out by many volunteers along this corridor! And for those who wish to participate, this link will help you do so!

http://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/Volunteer-activities/wolli-creek-bush-regeneration

The Wolli Creek Preservation Society operates 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month, 2nd Wednesday of every month, 2nd Sunday of every month, and the 3rd Friday of the month. 8am-11.30am (November to February). 9am-12.30pm (March to October). That's a lot of opportunities to make a difference and to meet new friends and learn new skills.





Now these corridors are good habitat for Powerful Owls and Chris Lloyd taught us many skills in identifying their splatter! Not all of us wished to taste the uric acid splatter to make a firm identification, however!



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We didn't see too many birds. The small White Browed Scrub Wren was one that stayed long enough for an image and of course there were Noisy Miners – another lesson in bird behaviour from Chris and observation in the field – but we were not disappointed to see the Flying Fox colony!

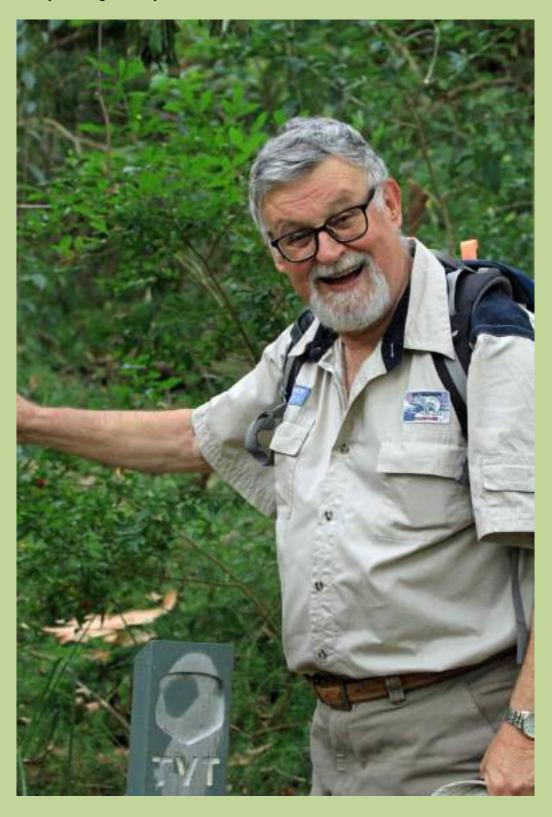








With Gary leading the way we were in safe hands!











And we were even well fed!

We reached our various end points about 12.30pm and that was another happy ending to our walk!



Brian Everingham