

HFNC Excursion to the Grampians Chimney Pot area on 16 Oct. 1965

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This was an extra excursion planned to take advantage of the wildflower season, however only 9 members attended.

The party travelled via Woohlpooer to the intake pond near the Chimney Pot Gap, stopping once at the corner of Harrops Track where a fine patch of Tinsel Lily [*Calectasia intermedia*] was observed.



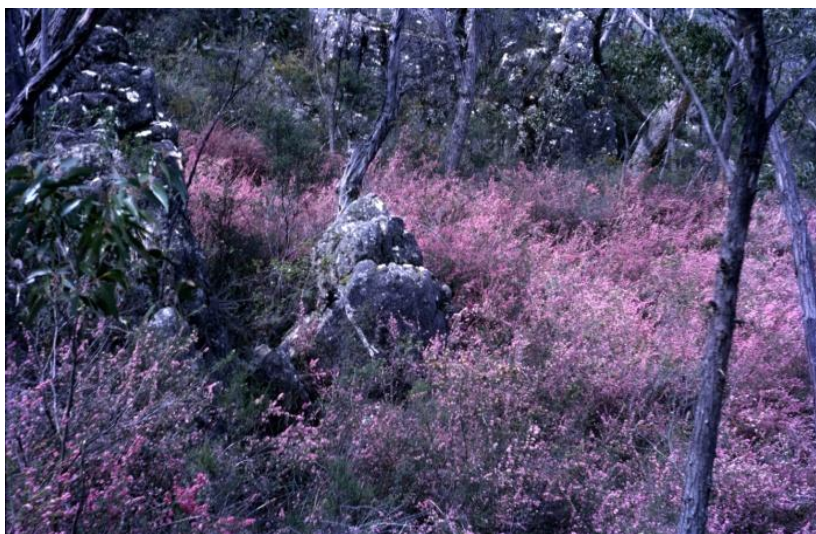
Blue Tinsel-lily LE



Grampians Bauera LE



Grampians Bauera at Chimney Pot LE



After leaving the cars we walked up the ridge track. Among the most striking flowers was a very large patch of *Bauera sessiliflora* (Showy Bauera) covering an extensive area of one hillside. At the top of the range a large peaty area was well covered with *Boronia pilosa* [Hairy Boronia] which also made a good display. [Lionel Elmore's photographic slides of that day illustrate some of the species seen].

Other conspicuous flowers were *Baeckea ramosissima* [Rosy Baeckea], *Utricularia dichotoma* [Fairies' Aprons] and several species of pea flowers, mostly *Pultenaea*.

Thirteen species of orchids were also identified.

We returned to Hamilton by the Waterworks Track, making several stops on the way. It was noted that the orchids on the flats at the southern end of the range were not nearly so plentiful as last year at the same time.



Boronia sp. LE



Baeckea sp. LE



Track near junction of Waterworks track LE