

## Day Excursion - White Rock Conservation Park

Sunday 27 August 2023

Excursion leader - Delma Clifton

Our group of 13 rose early on Sunday morning August 27 and made their way to White Rock Conservation Park, Springfield. We were pleased to welcome Dr Penelope Mills, a brand new member with extensive insect knowledge, and Amelia Morling who has since become a member. We were pleasantly surprised to see that the area is very popular with early morning joggers, followed by families and young people out for a walk. After a short walk, we climbed a steep, rough path to the top of a small sandstone outcrop. Beneath the outcrop, weathering had created an overhang where the colours of the sandstone were quite spectacular



The Park was generally very dry but this area seemed to retain some moisture, evidenced by a large *Drynaria rigidula* (basket-fern above) and a young *Platyserium* sp (photo left). Returning to the main track, Penny's sharp eyes found a koala high in a distant eucalypt. We marked the track and told other walkers where to find it as we passed them. After another hour of botanising, during which Delma encouraged Ron to take his photos faster, we stopped briefly for morning tea. At this point, David and Bernice Shaw left us to return to the carpark



Lunch break was called at the junction of the loop track to Nugum/Boogun (White Rock). Nearby exploring resulted in the discovery of a large tongue orchid, *Dockrillia linguiformis*, in full flower (photo, right). For more species from the excursion you can click here: <https://inaturalist.ala.org.au/projects/qn-c-aug-2023-white-rock-conservation-area>





*Xanthorrhoea latifolia latifolia*



Bush-Peas (Genus *Pultenaea*)



Nettle Tree (*Trema tomentosa*)