



WILDFLOWER REPORT

17th September 2018

With warmer weather forecast and no recent rain we estimate the remaining orchids and everlastings may not last much longer than this week. The little mauve native daisies and the bright yellow and orange waitzia's are providing much of the current ground colour in our reserves. Flowering shrubs are providing some nice patches of roadside colour now including native foxgloves, beautiful blue dampiera, hibbertia, purple keraudrenia, tinsel flower, wattles and others. Our final report for the season is as per below;

Mia Moon Reserve – approx. 7km's north of Dalwallinu turn left onto Nugadong West Rd, (sign currently missing but also signposted airstrip). Turn left at the Wubin-Gunyidi intersection and travel a few further km's to the reserve. The yellow and white pom poms are starting to fade but still look ok. If you drive into the reserve and walk around the edge of the granite rock back towards the road & gnamma hole, in amongst the pincushion plants there are little laughing leek orchids and the bee and sun orchids are prolific. There are donkey orchids remaining throughout the bush opposite the turnaround circle as well as the pretty pink trigger plants, purple fringed lily and yellow hibbertia. **Further west from Mia Moon on the Wubin-Gunyidi Rd (few hundred metres) and opposite the old Mia Moon school site is another flat granite rock.** Places to explore here include the eastern end of the rock under the tree line and in amongst the pincushions for sun & donkey orchids with a few spiders remaining and the odd blue orchid. Under the bush at the southern edge of the rock are some lovely cowslip orchids. The opposite side of the road in the bush around the old school site is quite colourful and also worth a look.

Petrudor Rocks – although the water level in the pond has dropped slightly it is still lovely for a picnic. The pink everlastings throughout the bush on the track in have faded slightly although there are now hibbertia's, tinsel flower and native foxgloves out. Still good orchids to be found here including spider, donkey, leek & sun. Walk to the very top of the rock and some of the best places to look are in amongst the pincushion plants either well left or to the right side of the rock hole as you are facing it. Also flowering now, white candle flowers, pink trigger plants, the deep blue narrow leaved squill, yellow hibbertia, wattles and fringed lily.

Xantippe Tank – the purple fringed lily is lovely on the track in and there is plenty of the pretty blue boronia in addition to trigger plants, hibbertia and white candle shrubs. Orchids remaining include donkey, sun, leek plus ant/jumping jack.

Buntine Rock- accessible for **4WD or AWD** with decent clearance as the track in is not in good condition. Still donkey, ant and good cowslip orchids here found up the top in the bush at the front and rear of the rock plus sun orchids down on the east side of the main clearing/turnaround area.

Wreath Lechenaultia – there are two small groups in flower however **please note** they are quite small and are not flowering in a well formed wreath shape. If you are not travelling further north you can view these on the Wubin-East Rd, once you pass the Rabbit Proof fence Rd intersection, continue on the gravel and past the bend. There is one group down the embankment near a pine post with a green tip and another a further 500 metres or so east, look for pink tape. Approx 30km's east of Wubin.

Perenjori which is 95km north has a lovely display and we suggest you view these ones if you are travelling on/or can travel further north.

Refer to Dalwallinu brochures for directions to mentioned locations

We do recommend you touch base with the Visitor Centres in the surrounding areas as you travel through for the most up to date information on their locations.