



St John's  
Cartophiles

## **Muogamarra Nature Reserve Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2017**

Each spring Muogamarra Nature Reserve puts on one of Sydney's most vibrant natural floral shows, including waratahs, native orchids, bright pink eriostemons, purple boronias and towering Gynea lilies. The reserve is open to the public just six weekends a year so that visitors can experience the magnificent wildflowers. As we have for the last seven years, the Cartophiles will once again take this limited opportunity to experience the wildflower wonders of the Muogamarra Nature Reserve.



*View over the Hawkesbury River from the Muogamarra Nature Reserve*

As usual, we will split into two teams for walks.

One team will walk the medium-rated Deerubbin Lookover circuit, which follows an historic road past rock formations to a hill top lookout with views to Barrenjoey Lighthouse and the Ba'hai Temple. It then returns to the road to go to a rocky platform with outstanding views over the Hawkesbury River. This team will have lunch at the lookover, then retrace their steps. This moderate-rated 6 kilometre walk climbs 110m in total and should take about 4 hours. It's suitable for novice walkers.

The other team will do the hard-rated Peats Crater Walk, the longest available at Muogamarra Nature Reserve. It winds down Peats Bight Trail over historic road works into Peats Crater, a volcanic diatreme and the site of early farm settlements that took advantage of the rich soil. It continues along the original road to Peats Bight through rainforest and mangrove environments. This team will have lunch on Peats Bight at the southern entrance to Berowra Creek, with views across the water to Bar Point, then return to the car park, climbing about 210m. The 10 kilometre walk will take about 5 hours. It's suitable for novice walkers, but requires a reasonable level of fitness: the hill to the car park is quite steep.

We'll meet at the Cowan railway station at 9.30 am on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September and drive for 10 minutes from there to the reserve. Those who come by train can car pool. **Note there is a cash-only \$10 per head entry fee to the reserve.** There are limited facilities at the reserve, which is staffed by volunteers. Bring your own lunch.

Wear a hat and carry at least a litre of drinking water. To cover all contingencies please also bring sun block and a rain coat. Wear walking shoes, cross trainers or similar – thongs or crocs aren't suitable. Bring money for the park entry fee and a camera to preserve the memories.

**To register for the walk, or to get more information, contact Kit Craig at [cartophiles@stjohnswahroonga.org](mailto:cartophiles@stjohnswahroonga.org) or on 0411 507 422.**