

# Illawarra Grevillea Park

Self guided walk Winter 2022

**A** - As you have come through the front entrance gate, to your left are plants such as *Grevillea nudiflora*, (red flowers) *Grevillea Billy Bonkers* (pink flowers, standard) and *Banksia spinulosa*. Proceed around the corner and up the hill, look out for *Grevilleas lanigera*, *Lemon Daze* and *Crowning Glory* to your left. To your right are the silver foliage of *Eremophila nivea* above a prostrate form of *Banksia serrata*.

Follow the arrows around to the right onto the main roadway heading towards the chapel.

**B** - Some of the lower growing grevilleas on the right hand side include *Superb*, (orange) *Molly*, (red) *Robyn Gordon* (red) and *Peaches and Cream* (yellow and orange) while taller growing ones featured include *Bulli Beauty*, (pink) *Honey Gem* (orange) and *Moonlight* (white). To the left look out for *Grevillea Diane's Blush* (pink), *Homoranthus porteri* (red flowers) and *Banksia Tall Gold* along with several other *Banksia* cultivars. Towards the end of this bed there is a *Grevillea Elegance*. (pink/red)

**C** - Still to your left look out for the dainty pink flowers of *Grevillea bracteosa* just starting to bloom. Further along are several examples of *Grevillea banksii* prostrate in both red and white forms although these are not flowering at the moment.

**D** - To the right, there is a New Caledonian species, *Grevillea exul* with dark green leaves and white flowers tinged with green and apricot.

**E** - continue along the roadway and up towards the chapel, passing *Banksia spinulosa* *Bush Candles* and prostrate forms of *Banksias serrata* and *integrifolia*. As you walk up the slope there are three varieties of *Pletranthus* on your left, *parviflorus*, *parviflorus* *Blue Spires* (variegated leaf) and *argentatus* (silver leaf)

**F** - Walk towards the chapel and turn left down the path circling the chapel, *Grevilleas* featured here include *leptobotrys*, (pink) *fulgens* (standard, pink flowers), *semperflorens* (pink apricot) and *Crowning Glory*. Smaller shrubs in this area include *Thryptomene*, (pink) *Leptospermum*, *Eremophila*, *Banksia*, *Correa* and *Homoranthus*. Take a few moments to enjoy the expansive views of the park from the chapel verandah. *Grevilleas* in this area include *thysioides* with its spiky intricately shaped leaves, *rudis* (white flowers) and a pink as yet unnamed species. *Astartae* *Winter Pink* is also flowering now.

**G** - Near the front entrance of the chapel is a pink form of *Grevillea speciosa*. The two specimen shrubs edging the lawn are the Ivory Curl Tree, *Buckinghamia celsissima*.

**H** - In the garden bed edging the lawn area (southern side) are *Grevilleas* Spirit of Anzac,(red/cream) Tirari Blaze,(red) Lollipops(hot pink) and Parakeet Pink. As you head towards the stairs try rushing the leaves of Mint Bush,(*Prostanthera ovalifolia*) and Wax Flower, (*Philothea myoporoides*)

**I** - Head down the stairs and pass by Tree, Birds Nest and Kangaroo Ferns, there are also two small Red Cedars near this path. Continue down the next few steps and turn left, head towards the landing to look over the dam or take the first left over the bridge.

**J** - As you pass through the archway, to you immediate right is the highly scented *Grevillea simplex*, common name Banana custard. Head to the right down the path around the dam passing *Banksias*, *Hakeas* and a majestic Queensland Bottle tree. On the right hand side adjacent to the dam is *Scaevola calendulacea* with its blue flowers. On the left are newer plantings, look for *Grevilleas* Flamingo,(pink) aurea, (orange) Lollipops (hot pink) and dryandri, (red), this one has interesting seed pods.

**K** - Pass by another Bottle tree into a cooler area featuring Elkhorns, Birds Nest ferns, cordylines and Lilly Pillies before walking between the two feature variegated Qld Brush Boxes to take a well earned rest on the provided seating.

*Grevillea* Flamingo



