



Killcare Wagstaffe Trust

Newsletter

October 2016

General Meeting

Sunday November 6th at 9.30 am
at the Maitland Bay Information Centre.

All visitors and residents are welcome

Guest speaker. Mark Attwooll has begun preparing a guide to the Gum Trees of the Bouddi Peninsula. He will give a short talk at the centre which will be followed by a walk along the Strom Trail to show how the guide can be used to identify the different local species.

Memberships

Memberships are due. Fortunately most members have paid in advance so not so many are due this year. Thanks to those who have already paid.

If there is a cross in the box, your membership is due according to our records.

	1 year	3 year
Individual	\$10	\$30
Family	\$ 15	\$45



Direct deposit: (BSB) 637 600 (Ac/no) 781338125
Cheque to KWT, PO Box 4009 Wagstaffe 2257

Re-usable shopping bags

These have been ordered and we are awaiting delivery before finalising a launch date.

The aim is to reduce the use of disposable plastic shopping bags to as close to zero as possible. Essentially we are trying to encourage local residents to get into the habit of taking a re-usable bag when they go shopping.

The Trust will provide bags to the local real estate agents for supply to holiday rentals, and the local outlets where they will be on sale for a subsidised price. \$2 for the hessian bags and \$1 for the calico bags.

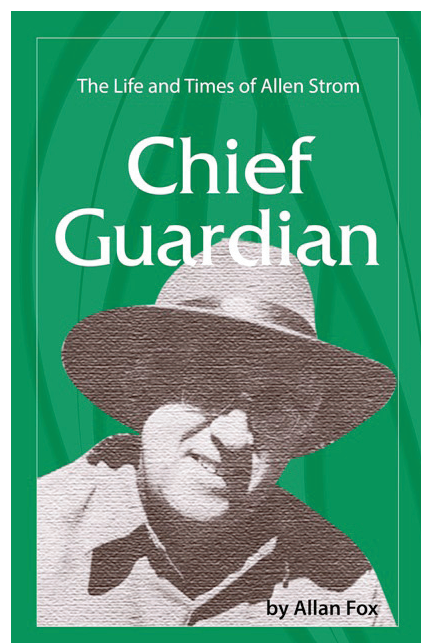


Alan Strom Biography

A biography of the founder of the Trust, Alan Axel Strom (1915 - 1997) has just been released as an ebook. It has been written by friend and fellow environmentalist, Allan Fox.

We know of him as the founder of the Killcare Wagstaffe Trust, but Allen was a man who achieved so much for the environment that his biography reads as a history of the conservation movement in NSW.

Alan was a teacher, a pioneer in environmental education and an early campaigner in the conservation movement in NSW. He was instrumental in the development of the national park and nature reserve system in New South Wales in the 1950s and 1960s.



Allen strongly believed in legislative protection of the natural environment in order to prevent its erosion through a "death by a thousand cuts". The Stroms and the other early members of the Trust performed the valuable service of attending every council meeting and maintaining a strict vigilance over proposed developments.

What makes this book such an interesting read is that it describes the politics and intrigue that are behind the formation of institutions, nature reserves and management systems that we take for granted.

For us locals it has the benefit of providing background to familiar places on the Central Coast.

It is available on Kindle for just \$6.50. Go to:
<https://www.amazon.com/Chief-Guardian-Times-Allen-Strom-ebook/dp/B01H8IEORQ#navbar>

Vale Ann Bowe

Ann passed away last month on the North Coast.

Ann was a foundation member of the Trust and stayed active until her health deteriorated a few years ago, causing her to leave her beautiful bush house in Killcare Heights.

She was a passionate, knowledgeable, and outspoken activist for the environment. She made many submissions to Council on our behalf over the years over local planning issues. She was also an active member of the local birdwatching group.

A memorial celebration of her life will be held at the Hardy's Bay Community Church on the 19th November at 10.30 am

KWT's guide to Gums

Mark Attwooll, our President, has begun preparing a guide to help identify the more common gum trees on the peninsula. The first installment is in this newsletter with more to follow next year.

It is intended to be used in the field so cut-out or print the last two pages and take it with you when walking around the area.

Eucalypts and other Gum Trees:

A guide to the identification of common species on the Bouddi Peninsula.



Sydney Red Gums *Angophora costata*, Bouddi NP.

photo M.A.

Eucalyptus is the largest of three closely related groups of trees collectively called Eucalypts or 'gums'. The other two groups are Corymbia and Angophora.

Along the coast, gum trees are the most obvious living things. Forests of them shroud the hills and remnant trees soften the urban sprawl. As the dominant trees they determine the rich web of life in forest communities.

Across Australia over 900 species occupy just about every habitat. About 20 species occur on Bouddi peninsula. This guide aims to assist identification of the most common types found on Bouddi Peninsula.

It uses the bark and fruit to distinguish trees as these characteristics can be observed year round. This is also the basis of classification used in the popular 'Field Guide to the Native Plants of Sydney' by Les Robinson.

Another useful reference is the 'Bouddi Peninsula Study' that provides descriptions, maps and explains the distribution of the many vegetation types on the Peninsula.

It is available free from the KWT website: www.killcarewagstaffetrust.org.au/bouddi-study.html.

The following page is for use in the field. It sorts the common gum trees into groups based on bark type and provides a description of their fruits.

Come for a short walk along the Strom trail after the next general meeting (6th November) to practice using the guide.

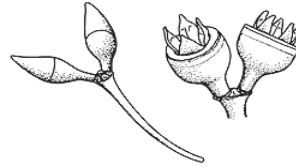
KWT's guide to Eucalypts and other Gum Trees on the Bouddi Peninsula

Full, Rough Barks

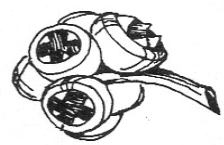
Rough fibrous, stringy, friable or corky bark on most branches

(Measurements in parenthesis are average capsule diameters)

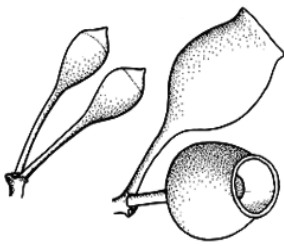
Red Mahogany (7mm)
Eucalyptus resinifera



Brown Stringybark (10)
Eucalyptus capitellata



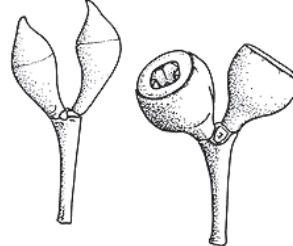
Red Bloodwood (14mm)
Corymbia gummifera



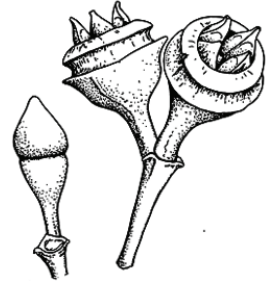
Rough-barked Apple (9mm)
Angophora floribunda



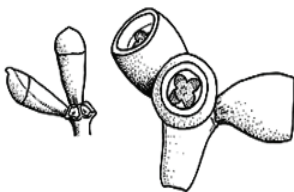
Broad-leaved White Mahogany (8mm)
Eucalyptus umbra



Large-fruited Red Mahogany (16mm)
Eucalyptus scias



Bangalay (6mm)
Eucalyptus botryoides



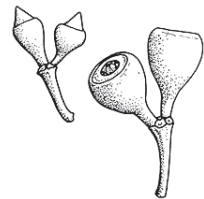
Swamp Mahogany (10)
Eucalyptus robusta



Sydney Peppermint (6)
Eucalyptus piperita



Grey Ironbark (6mm)
Eucalyptus paniculata



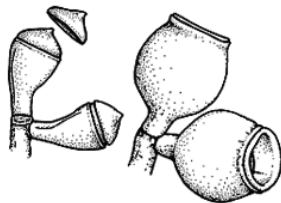
Smooth Barks

(Outer bark shed annually)

Sydney Red Gum (12)
Angophora costata



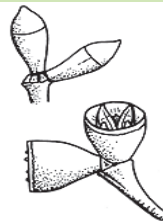
Spotted gum (10mm)
Corymbia maculata



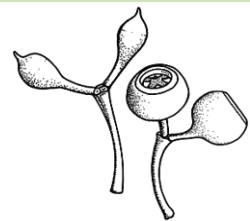
Part Barks

(Rough bark on part of trunk, branches smooth)

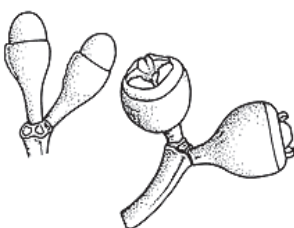
Blue Gum (5mm)
Eucalyptus saligna



Blackbutt (11mm)
Eucalyptus pilularis



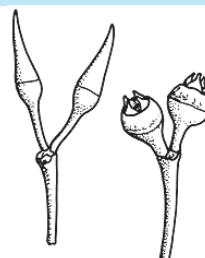
Grey Gum (8mm)
Eucalyptus punctata



Scribbly Gum (8mm)
Eucalyptus haemostoma



Cabbage Gum (5mm)
Eucalyptus amplifolia



Forest Red Gum (7mm)
Eucalyptus tereticornis

