

## Anniversary Run to Burraborang Lookout - 7 Nov



Morries in the mist

“Wow”, I thought. “Do we go ahead with this? The weather forecast is not good. Should I go and subject my beloved Morrie to the potential storms that had been predicted? But this is the first Club event for 5 months, so I’m sure my car wants to go, even if I’m hesitant.”

Well in the end I risked it, along with 16 other members with their 8 Morries and several moderns. It was a picturesque run out through the semi-rural countryside after leaving Camden, through the pretty village



The weather started out quite fine. There was even some blue sky to be seen.



of Mount Hunter (which Owen pointed out later is in a valley!), then out through The Oakes, Oakdale and finally to Nattai and into the State Conservation Area.

About 4 Morries were already lined up when I arrived, and members were “setting up camp” in the large picnic shelter shed.

Despite the changing weather conditions throughout the day, it turned out to be a great outing, enabling us to catch up after about 5 months of lockdown with



Ample shelter; we needed it!



View over Lake Burraborang -  
before the weather changed  
(Photo: Bob Gilliland)





Brian Nicholson at the lookout (above), moments before the cloud rolled in (below)



Covid-19 restrictions. Yes we had the odd shower in the morning, and thunder storms in the afternoon, but the picnic shed was huge and gave us good protection.

In fact, the changing weather conditions really made for great photographs at the Lookout itself, with the views changing dramatically in minutes –

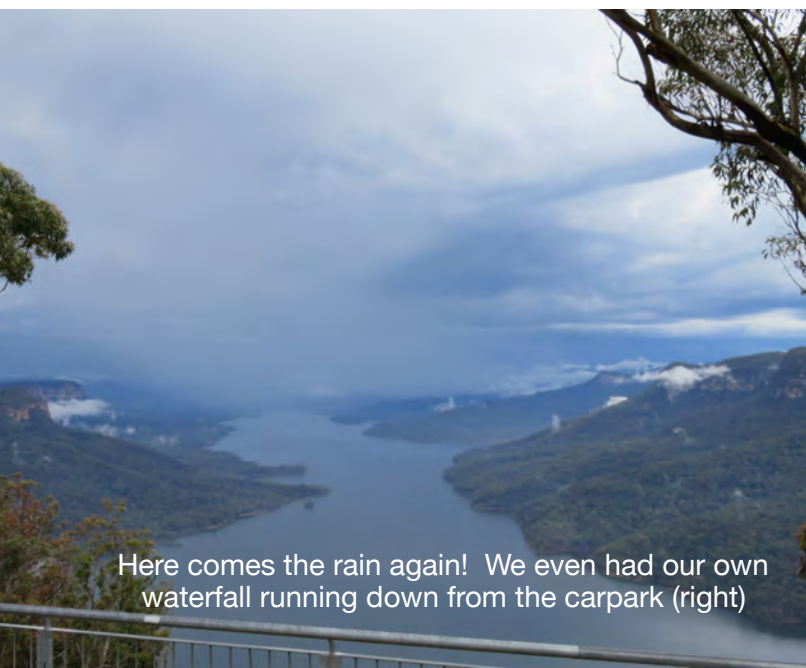


from bright sunshine, to brooding overcast, to mist drifting up the Burragorang Valley and causing a complete 'white-out'.

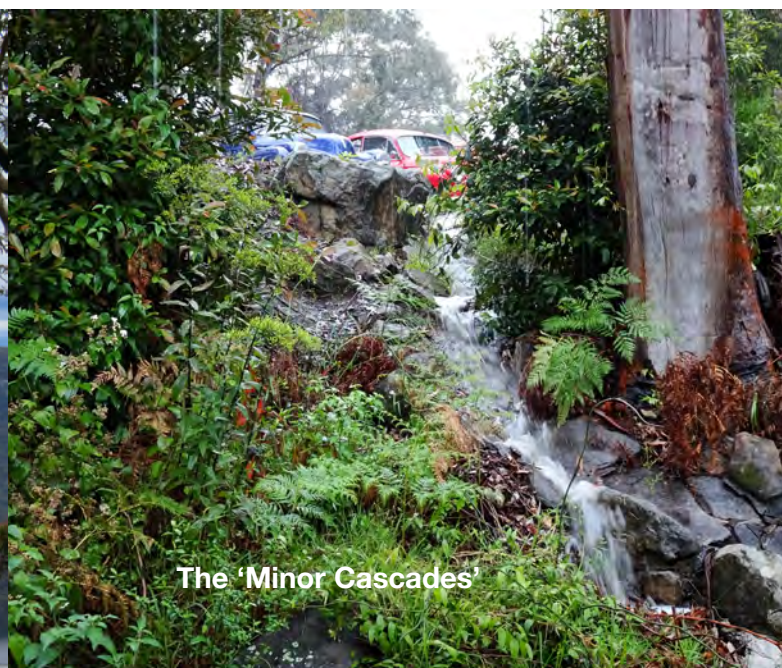
For those who may have never been there, the lookout gives fantastic views over Lake Burragorang, in both northerly and southerly directions. The lake was formed with the building of the Warragamba Dam on the Wollondilly River, which was completed in 1960. It is the main water supply for Sydney, and Australia's largest urban water supply dam.

At lunchtime, we found the picnic site's barbeques were "u/s" but fortunately David had towed the Club trailer with the Club's BBQ, so it was pressed into action.

When we had had our fill, we were joined by a beautiful king parrot, as well as another scavenger – which may have been a pied currawong.



Here comes the rain again! We even had our own waterfall running down from the carpark (right)



The 'Minor Cascades'





The gold standard of great organisation: David Bursill towed the club trailer/BBQ to a place where BBQs are provided - but didn't work!



Four seasons in one day! Stunning views after the storm.

After the storms had passed, some left for home, while others of us went to the lookout to check on the changing conditions over Lake Burragarang – and were rewarded with some wonderful views. Then it was retracing our steps on our homeward run. Both 'Bluey' and I enjoyed our day out immensely.

Les Whale



Fungus/mushrooms grow in damp conditions. This whole area was destroyed by wildfires just 18 months ago...



Terry Cullen and the local wildlife



Pied Currawong cleans up

