

## DALWALLINU TOWNSITE

If you don't have much time in our Shire, there is a short walk trail just off Johnston Street. Look for the sign which says "Old Well." Here you may spot a few orchids but regardless the wattle and other assorted native plants add some nice colour to the area making for lovely stroll to the Old School Site after grabbing lunch or morning tea in town.



WATTLE (ACACIA)

***Please ensure you take your rubbish away with you. The Shire provides free outback packs to help Keep Australia Beautiful. They can be collected from the Dalwallinu Discovery Centre.***

***Please be aware that following rainfall a lot of our unsealed local roads become rutted, wet and slippery.***

***At times they may be closed to vehicles over 4 tonnes, which would include all vehicles towing caravans.***

***If you are unsure please check road conditions with the Dalwallinu Discovery Centre or Shire of Dalwallinu before setting out on your journey.***

**On the bright side rain does extend the life of the flowers and makes our farmers very happy.**



## SHIRE OF DALWALLINU

One of the largest wheat producing shires in the state, the Dalwallinu townsite has a thriving industrial sector and excellent facilities providing services to many of the surrounding districts. Situated in 'Wildflower Country', the area has a number of historic and natural locations and is also ideally placed to use as a base camp to explore neighbouring shires or as a convenient stopover to break your journey. If you are looking for a scenic, relaxed and friendly place to visit, then you've come to the right shire.

Dalwallinu is part of The Wildflower Way tourist route and has a diverse array of wildflowers in our reserves and along our roadsides, including everlastings, various orchids and bush flowers, and the unusual wreath leschenaultia. Dalwallinu has the largest variety of wattle (acacia) species to be found anywhere in the world.

The flowering season of all local flora is highly dependent on rainfall and can vary significantly from year to year. Whilst the wildflower season can span from July to October we recommend you call the Discovery Centre (08) 96611805 for current updates, prior to your visit.

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LEMON-SCENTED SUN ORCHID  
(THELYMITRA ANTENNIFERA)



BEE ORCHID  
(DIURIS LAXIFLORA)



WAITZIA

## PETRUDOR RESERVE

Recent trips to this area have yielded sightings of white candlesticks, spider orchids, yellow (lemon-scented) sun orchids, fringe lilies, and donkey orchids. The sundew/rainbows are flowering, and the blooming wattle is abundant. The native bush plants which are more resilient than some of the small orchids are also providing some pretty colour around this area. It may take you a few minutes to find some flowers when you first arrive at the reserve but if you walk past the first big rock pool you will see grass growing. As it is a bit wetter you can find some flowers here.



**SPIDER ORCHIDS  
(CALADENIA)**

## JIBBERDING RESERVE

There are some beautiful patches of colours forming at Jibberding Reserve. Assorted everlastings and pink daisies are scattered amongst the cream coloured pom poms. The everlastings are not as tall or dense as previous years due to lack of rain but the area still makes for a nice camping spot for those travelling further north in the direction of Paynes Find, especially as the wattles and native bushes begin to bloom. If you do go out to Jibberding I recommend including a visit to the Cailbro Mudbrick School which is not far from the rest area. This is a lovingly maintained piece of local history. Shire maps are available for free in the Discovery Centre to direct you to the site.



**POM POM EVERLASTINGS**

## BUNTINE ROCK

The road into Buntine Rocks is good up to the "no caravans past this point" sign. 4WD or AWD are needed to travel further into the reserve past that site. If heading to Buntine, consider taking the longer route via Manuel Road behind Wubin Rocks for a prettier drive lined with various everlastings. While you may find some orchids near the rock, the views are spectacular from the rock. Hike 450ms to the top of the rock and you will be rewarded with 360° panoramic views of green and gold paddocks and bushland reserve. For those travelling up further closer towards Perenjori / Mullewa it is a great opportunity to break the drive and stretch your legs a bit.



**VIEW OF BUSHLAND  
LOOKING EAST  
FROM THE TOP OF  
BUNTINE ROCK**

## XANTIPPE TANK

Venture out on the flat rock adjacent to the Xantippe tank and you may spot some wildflowers growing there. We haven't had as many reports of sightings at Xantippe this season, so if you venture out for look and find anything you'd like to share with others please give Lauren a call on 9661 1805.



**FRINGE LILY (THYSANOTUS MULTIFLORUS)**

This is worth a visit if only to say you have been to the only locality in Australia whose name begins with "X."

From Xantippe it is a fairly short drive (approx. 25km) to Petrudor Rocks.

## WASLEY ROAD

**(OFF GREAT NORTHERN HIGHWAY, WUBIN)**

For those in search of wreath flowers you can find some about 5kms down Wasley Rd near the top of the hill. These appear to be doing well however if we continue to have days of hot weather, they may not last too long. Stopping in for a look at Wasley Road is particularly convenient if you were already planning to drive out to Jibberding Reserve for a look at the everlastings. Those who are willing to go further from our townsites to see the wreaths can drive up Great Northern Highway and go back down Goodlands Road in the direction of Kalannie.



**WREATH LESCHENAULTIA**

## MIA MOON RESERVE

Turn left at the Wubin-Gunyidi intersection and travel a few more klm's to the reserve. There are patches of pink everlastings emerging near the main reserve and some pom poms as well. Head out towards the Gnamma Hole and keep your eyes peeled for sun and bee orchids. There are some donkey orchids to be found in the area as well. Keep a look out for the bobtails which call this area home. As with all the reserves as the weather warms up remember to slip, slop and slap to protect against the sun and consider using some fly spray as well. It may be prudent to invest in a flynet as well. (This advice applies to all of reserves)

Further west from Mia Moon on the Wubin-Gunyidi Rd, near the old Mia Moon school site, the yellow hibbertia, kunzea, and other native bushes are adding some extra colour on top of the patches of daisies and everlastings. There are some lovely donkey and sun orchids, a few fringed lilies, and some cowslips.



**COWSLIP (CALADENIA FLAVA)**