

Book Review

Stockton, E.D.(editor) (2013) *Sydney Rock on the Ways to the West*. Lawson: Blue Mountains Education and Research Trust. 54pp. [BMHS 131.03/08 PT]

This small book is a well presented with copious colour illustrations that have been thoughtfully chosen. There are six 'chapters' written by four different authors and like any multi-author book this has contributions of varying quality. Those on the Geology by Greg McNally and on The Flora by Chris Whiteman are excellent accounts that can be highly recommended.

Greg McNally rightly indicated the difficulty of distinguishing the Hawkesbury Sandstone from the older Narrabeen sandstones (p.3). Hence his statement (p.1) "Sydney Rock is believed to be the westernmost outcrop of the Hawkesbury Sandstone in the Blue Mountains." is not certain for Goldbery (1969, p.33) did note that it occurs at Flat Top and beneath basalt on Mount Banks - both locations being about 7km west of Sydney Rock.

The book does lack consistency of referencing with the Harvard in-text system being used in the first and fourth 'chapters' and the end-note system in the introduction and in the second 'chapter'. 'Chapter' three ends with a list of eight references none of which are specifically mentioned in the text and 'chapters' five and six had no references yet for the latter, at least, they are needed.

Sadly this volume was also in need of careful proof reading. Hence 'howlers' exist such as the incorrect surname for one author (NcNally instead of McNally) on the Contents page, 'naughtlerly' instead of 'naughtily' on the first page and 'typography' instead of 'topography' on the second page of the Introduction and many apostrophed decades e.g. 1940's instead of 1940s.

Despite these shortcomings it is a book that I am pleased to be able to recommend for its content and at the asking price it is a bargain.

Goldbery, R. (1969) *Geology of the Western Blue Mountains*. Bulletin of the Geological Survey of N.S.W., 20: 172pp.

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