



AUGUST MEETING

Wednesday 23 August, 2023

Knox Park Primary School, Kathryn Rd, Knoxfield. 7.45pm.

Paul Birch: Pat's Garden

Somewhere along the line, Paul Birch became involved in developing his mother-in-law, Pat's, garden.

Pat lives in a unit and the garden is small, so this will be a lesson in designing a small garden. Challenging? All will be revealed on the night.



Member surprise activity to follow Paul's talk, so be sure to come along!

Southern Dandenongs Community Nursery visit

Saturday 26 August, 2023

A special visit to the Southern Dandenongs Community Nursery in Birdsland Reserve. Paul Birch will show us around. For more details see page 3.



Foothills Trivia night

If you missed the evening, and want to see how you would've fared, see page 3.

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Hi Everyone

Well, it's back to the future for me and back to the future for some of you too as I take on the role of Foothills Leadership again. Janet has done a wonderful job over the past seven years. We have benefited from her organisational skills, attention to detail, computer skills, the support she has been able to provide Kerry, plant knowledge from her background in Botany and enthusiasm for Australian plants. We say thank you. Luckily for me Janet is still on the Committee and will be hovering in the background giving all kinds of support to the running of Foothills.

Please find attached the Minutes of the APS Foothills – Annual General Meeting, which will let you know the makeup of the new Committee. The major change is to leadership and Deb McMillan giving Treasurer a trial run. Motions to pass the Leader's Report, Treasurer's Report and the election of each Committee member were all passed with no additional business raised or discussed. This means membership of Foothills will remain at \$20 for the year 2024/25.

We had a lot of fun after the meeting with our first ever Trivia Game instead of the twenty questions of previous years. Three teams had a face-off dealing with different categories of questions selected and organised by Janet. No-one enjoyed this time together more than Janet. She had all the answers and was in high spirits as she watched us puzzle and flounder around. I can see Foothills doing this again next year. Interestingly it has given us one thing in particular to think about. Would it be interesting and worthwhile to become more familiar with plant Families?

The working bee at Knox Park PS, Saturday 29 July, saw a small but happy group attack the weeds in the butterfly garden. Can you see who pulled out the tallest weed in the picture? It was a mild, sunny day. Morale was boosted by Bindi, Paul and Sue's dog, watching over proceedings and finding fascination at times

with small pieces of bark. Who knows what goes on in a dog's mind! Thank you weeders.



Guess who pulled out the weed of the day?
(Photo: Janet Hodgkiss)

Bev and I returned home from a trip to the Pilbara around 2am on the day of the AGM. Red dust that can't be scrubbed from my sandals, all things mining but most importantly some places of extraordinary natural beauty like the Nambung NP, Shark Bay Marine Park, Ningaloo and Karijini NP. I am hoping to put together a PowerPoint on some the highlights for a meeting next year.

Chris Larkin

Visit to Southern Dandenongs Community Nursery, Birdsland Reserve – Saturday 26 August, 2023

Date: Saturday 26 August

Time: 10am

Address: Birdsland Reserve – Shire of Yarra Ranges, 271 Mount Morton Road, Belgrave Heights, Melways Reference: 84 A2

I have always referred to the nursery in the Birdsland Reserve as the Birdsland Nursery but when I looked it up the correct name is 'Southern Dandenongs Community Nursery'.

This not-for-profit, volunteer-supported nursery has been running since 1995 after the closure of the former Shire of Sherbrooke plant nursery at Upwey. Paul Birch has been a volunteer there almost from the get-go. The nursery is supported by several Shire Councils and other organisations. It employs two people and supplies indigenous plants, not only to the local community but to the Shires of Yarra Ranges, Cardinia, and Casey as well as Melbourne Water, Parks Victoria, schools and environmental restoration contractors.

Seeds and cutting materials are collected under permit from a large catchment area from the southern slopes of the Dandenongs down to Narre Warren, and Churchill National Park to Upper Western Port Bay and Upper Port Phillip Bay. We are fortunate that Paul is currently working there and is therefore able to open the nursery for us on a day when it is usually closed.

NOTE: If you want to buy plants in tubes, the cost is \$3.50. (\$2.50 for Birdsland members) On the day of our visit, Paul says cash payment will be preferred.

Chris Larkin

Foothills Trivia Night & Free Raffle

We had great fun at our Trivia night, and we had enough people to form three teams of five, which made for lively and spirited competition.

Team *Winners are Gridders*, consisting of Paul, Sue, Bob and Chris, were slightly disadvantaged as they only had four team members but they held their own extremely well. There was an initial good-natured barney between them and team *Go-Getters*, having both chosen *Winners are Gridders* as their team name, but the *Go-Getters* graciously changed their name on account of *Winners are Gridders* having fewer team members. The *Go-Getters* consisted of Kerry, Deb, Diane, Bev and Monika, and along with *Winners are Gridders*, pitted their wits against team *Everest* which consisted of Ana and David, Pam Y, Ross and Pam.

We had five rounds of questions in the following categories: General Knowledge, Plants, Sport/Culture, Food/Drink, Australian Geography/Natural Beauty.

We also had a picture round, where teams had to identify the plant family to which each plant in the pictures belonged.

The victors were team *Everest* with only three points separating them from the *Go-Getters* who were hot on their heels. They were in turn followed very closely by *Winners are Gridders*. The final scores (out of 40) were:
Everest: 31
Winners are Gridders: 28
Go-Getters: 27

Well done to team *Everest* on winning Foothills' first Trivia night!
And well done to the runners up too!

We followed the Trivia part of the evening with a free raffle. There were some lovely plants to choose from that members had donated along with other non-plant prizes. Amongst those were some home-baked bread, fresh home-laid eggs (including the names of the hens who had provided the eggs), a mystery wrapped prize

which is always fun, a bag of Neutrog Bush Tucker, and a generous donation from Patty Crowley of three new books, one on future-proofing your garden, and two pea identification/field guides.

Thank you everyone for your donations to the raffle. It made for a fun and enjoyable end to our evening.

Below are the questions the teams faced. The answers are at the end of the newsletter. The picture round hasn't been included on purpose as it was a more 'hands-on' round.

Trivia – questions

ROUND 1 – General Knowledge

1. The Australian flag features the stars of the Southern Cross and another large star. What is the name given to this other star?
2. In which century was the Victorian gold rush?
3. The Torres Strait Islands are part of which Australian state?
4. Flightless birds are found across the world, and some of the largest/heaviest are found in Africa, Australia, South America, and Antarctica. The African ostriches are the heaviest amongst these birds, and the next heaviest bird is found in Australia. Which bird is it?
5. Our national animals, the kangaroo and emu appear on our coat of arms. They are not as unusual as some of the mythical creatures that have been adopted as the national animals of some other countries. Dragons appear on the flags of two countries, but which country has the unicorn as its national animal and which appears on their coat of arms?
6. Australia is home to the world's largest working cattle station. What is the name of the station?



Leptospermum (Photo: Janet Hodgkiss)

ROUND 2 – Plants

1. What is a peduncle?
2. The 'Leptospermum Alliance' is a group of plants in which plant family?
3. What plant can grow in the harshest conditions, including the Arctic and Antarctica?
4. Which parts of strawflowers and paper daisies, are responsible for their common names?
(Hint: *Xerochrysum bracteatum* Strawflower; *Bracteantha bracteata* Everlasting Daisy; *Rhodanthe* spp. Paper Daisy)
5. *Melaleuca quinquenervia* (Broad-leaved Paperbark) is native to the east coast of Australia, New Caledonia and New Guinea. In which other part of the world has it become naturalised and is considered a serious invasive weed?
6. On a plant, where would you find an aril?

ROUND 3 – Sport / Culture

1. Birdies, eagles, and even albatrosses are associated with the scoring in golf. Which other sport also refers birds in it scoring? – name the sport and the bird.

2. Traditional Aboriginal artwork includes bark painting styles like the crosshatching and x-ray designs from Arnhem Land. Which other well-recognised painting style is used by Australian Aboriginal artists?
3. Which Australian author wrote and presented an ABC documentary on Ningaloo/Nyinggulu?
4. Which Australian song mentions 'eating a vegemite sandwich'?
5. Who was the first female inductee into the Sport Australia Hall of Fame?
6. Which popular food and wine region in Australia is also home to famous surf breaks including Main Break, The Box, and River Dog?

ROUND 4 – Food / Drink

1. What is the most consumed beverage in the world?
2. Long before Europeans arrived in this country, indigenous Australians lived off the land, collecting foods wherever they roved. What is this food commonly referred to today?
3. To which plant family does the macadamia nut belong?
4. In which Australian state would you find the most apple growing regions?
5. What coffee style is thought to have originated here in Australia?
6. The Balmain Bug and Moreton Bay Bug are both species of what type of animal?

ROUND 5 – Australian Geography / Natural Beauty

1. Where would you find Trousers Point, Eggs and Bacon Bay, Milkshake Hills, Stinkhole, Granny's Gut, Awesome Wells, Penguin, Satan's Lair, and Lovely Bottom?

2. In which national park can you find South Point, the southernmost tip of mainland Australia?
3. Whitehaven Beach on Whitsunday Island is made up of 98.9% pure silica and this fine white sand has some unique properties. Apart from the whispering squeaky sound it makes when you walk on it, what is the other fascinating property of this sand?
4. What geographical feature separates North and South Canberra?
5. We know the moon's gravitational pull on the oceans creates both high and low tides on Earth. What is the name given to the natural phenomenon that occurs in Broome, Western Australia, at low tide?
6. Which Australian national park is known famously as where the rainforest meets the ocean?

Janet Hodgkiss

Thank you, Janet!

Such enthusiasm and commitment! I just wanted to say thank you, Janet for your leadership and knowledge, your sunny, helpful personality and a job so well done! The trivia evening certainly gave our brains a rattle and was a lot of fun, with such a broad range of questions, especially the Australiana/geography questions. The plant families section was an excellent memory-jogger and I for one, realised that I need some revision. Janet, you obviously spent a fair amount of time creating and organizing this evening – thanks again, it was most enjoyable.

Monika Herrmann

Winter working bee at KPSS

What a great morning we had weeding the butterfly garden. Plenty of good company, sunshine and a hint of spring in the air helped us on our mission – a war on weeds! Here are a few pics from the day.



Paul with an impressively tall/long/spreading specimen of panic veldt grass
(Photo: Janet Hodgkiss)

Panic veldt grass, *Ehrharta erecta*, grows in a variety of habitats including shade, and it's loving the perfect growing conditions in the butterfly garden. There are always plenty of these to remove courtesy of the seed bank that built up during the pandemic but we do seem to be getting on top of it now. This grass normally grows 30-50cm but can reach up to 2m – as we can see here! These enthusiastic grasses made up the bulk of the weeds we pulled out, and Kerry was kept very busy taking barrow-loads of them down to the skip for us.

We discovered that another weed, the yellow-flowered oxalis, *Oxalis pes-caprae*, has snuck in

amongst the dense mats of ground covering myoporium. This makes weeding quite tricky because unless you ferret about in the tangled stems and uproot some of the myoporium, you can't easily get the bulbs out. Yanking out metres of panic grass is definitely much easier!

Onion grass, *Romulea rosea*, like the oxalis is a pretty weed. The common name is a misnomer because it's not a grass at all. It's a perennial in the iris family, sprouts from an underground corm, has clusters of shiny grass-like leaves and starry, pink flowers that sometimes have purple markings. The seeds may be dispersed by water or when infested areas are mown or slashed, and the corms can be spread through the dumping of garden waste or contaminated soil.



Chris holding up an onion grass corm
(Photo: Janet Hodgkiss)

Getting onion grass out is quite a mission because you have to dig deep to loosen the corm. Chris says she's removed bucket-loads of these from her garden so they're not a favourite of hers. It is however a very satisfying weed to remove, especially when you manage to pop them out the ground, corms and all.



Sue and her not-so-helpful weeding assistant
(Photo: Paul Birch)



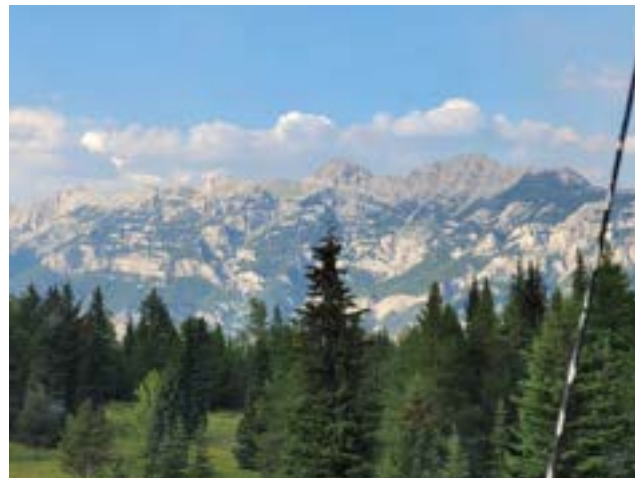
Chris, Paul, Monika and Sue getting stuck into weeding (Photo: Janet Hodgkiss)

While weeding is an ongoing task, the areas we weeded last time are still looking good so we must be making a dent in that weed seedbank. Bark mulch will be spread over the areas we weeded to help prevent new weeds taking hold, and the butterfly garden is sure to look as fantastic as ever when everything starts flowering in spring.

Janet Hodgkiss

Out and About from Canada

My first stop was in the Rockies in British Columbia where there are currently hundreds of forest fires.



Rockies near Kamloops, British Columbia
(Photo: Nicky Zanen)

These have been caused by lightning strikes and for the most part they are left to burn themselves out. There was one near Kamloops which we passed several times over the week, and it hardly seemed to move. Radically different to our bushfires.

On my first evening I took this photo of the sun behind the smoke, a photo I would never be able to take in Australia.



Bushfire left to burn itself out, Kamloops, British Columbia (Photo: Nicky Zanen)

At this time of year the berries are ripening much to the joy of bears, chipmunks and birds.

I didn't get to see a bear, but have seen many 'cute' deer.

This week I am in Ontario, next to Lake Huron. My brother's cottage is miles away from anywhere, surrounded by thick, low vegetation and nearby there are wide open farmlands full of corn. There are hardly any plants I recognise and the neighbours here, who are gardeners, struggle so much with their gardens, not only against the extremes of weather with the six months of snow, but also many critters, in this case squirrels and chipmunks. Chipmunks are the cutest of the lot.

The weather forecast mentions the top temperature of say 25 degrees, with an add on that it feels like 32 degrees with the humidity. It sounds quite quaint. For the most part the birds and insects are similar to ours. I am thoroughly enjoying my visit to this super country.

Nicky Zanen

Neutrog reminder

For members who wish to order from Neutrog, the last day for Spring orders is 17 August 2023. Delivery will be at the beginning of September. The member store is always open so members can place an order at any time. Any queries can be directed to Jacinta Warnest, email JWarnest@neutrog.com.au phone 08 8538 3513.

Notice to all APS Victoria Members from APS Victoria Executive

Background

10 years ago APSV created a Public Fund intended to receive tax deductible donations for use in supporting conservation projects. To achieve tax deductible status we needed to become a Registered Environmental Organization (REO). We changed our rules at the request of the REO assessing authority. However, our application was rejected and this meant that any donations to the Public Fund would not be tax deductible.

As a result we have not had any external donations to the fund. The only money in the fund, \$1238 was contributed by APS Vic.

Action

The executive has decided to close the separate bank account and the Public Fund.

We need to remove the rules relating to the Public Fund.

The following motion will be voted on under general business at the AGM in September 2023:

General Business

8.1 Motion: that we close the Public Fund and update the Rules as shown:

Statement of Purposes - Delete the whole of clause 9), delete clause 28 Public Funds from the rules and the contents page and renumber remaining clauses as needed.

9) to establish and maintain a public fund to be called the APS VIC PUBLIC FUND for the specific purpose of supporting the environmental objects/purposes of the Society
9.1 The Fund is established to receive all gifts of money or property for this purpose and any money received because of such gifts must be credited to its bank account.

9.2 The Fund must not receive any other money or property into its account and it must comply with subdivision 30-E of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

28. Public Funds

1) APS VIC PUBLIC FUND

- a) The objective of the APS VIC PUBLIC FUND (hereinafter called 'the Fund') is to support the environmental purposes of the Australian Plants Society Victoria Inc.
- b) Members of the public are to be invited to make gifts of money or property to the Fund for the environmental purposes of the Society.
- c) Money from interest on donations, income derived from donated property, and money from the realisation of such property is to be deposited into the Fund.
- d) A separate bank account is to be opened to deposit money donated to the Fund, including interest accruing thereon, and gifts to it are to be kept separate from other funds of the organisation.
- e) Receipts are to be issued in the name of the Fund and proper accounting records and procedures are to be kept and used for the Fund.
- f) The Fund will operate on a not-for-profit basis.
- g) A committee of management of no fewer than three persons will administer the Fund. The committee will be appointed by the Society. A majority of the members of the committee are required to be 'responsible persons' as defined by the Guidelines to the Register of Environmental Organisations.
- h) The Society must inform the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (hereinafter called the Department), which is responsible for the environment, as soon as possible if it changes its name or the name of the Fund, or if there is any change to the membership of the management committee, or if there has been any departure from the model rules for public funds located in the Guidelines to the Register of Environmental Organisations.
- i) The Society agrees to comply with any rules that the Treasurer or the Minister, with responsibility for the environment, may make to

ensure that gifts made to the Fund are only used for its principal purposes.

- j) The income and property of the Society shall be used and applied solely in promotion of its objects and no portion shall be distributed, paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or by way of profit to members, directors or trustees of the Society.
- k) Any allocation of funds or property to other persons or organisations will be made in accordance with the established purposes of the Society and not be influenced by the preference of the donor.
- l) In case of winding up of the Fund, any surplus assets are to be transferred to another fund with similar objectives that is on the Register of Environmental Organisations.
- m) Statistical information requested by the Department on donations to the Fund will be provided within four months of the end of the financial year.
- n) An audited financial statement for the Society and the Fund will be supplied with the annual statistical return. The statement will provide information on the expenditure of monies and the management of the assets of the Fund.

Regards, Chris Long
Secretary APS Victoria



Actinotus helianthi (Photo: Kerry Davis)

Winter Wildlife

Earth works of about half a metre across can be found around the garden; our little bulldozer (aka echidna) has been most active! It's wonderful to know that they are around; there's no major damage, we just have to fill in all the holes. Their climbing ability is admirable. I watched one heading almost vertically up one of our large rocks and he almost made it before tumbling back and trying again on a slightly different route.

Our outdoor trail camera attached to a tree behind the house, has continuous footage of the presence and antics of deer, wallabies and foxes, during daylight and night-time (thankfully no cats). The small Fallow Deer come in small groups and apart from ploughing up the moist soil and moss areas, are not as detrimental as the large, solid Sambar Deer, which are the size of a small bull. The lemon tree has been smashed again (only a small bit of foliage left at the top) and a few medium sized bushes that were flowering profusely have been smashed to the ground. This is mating time and their presence during autumn-winter is noticeably more frequent. We wait to hear what the authorities will do regarding their serious increase in numbers.

Recently, while I was outside, I heard a bird call that was unfamiliar. Searching for its source, I found several wood ducks up in the Angophora, calling to each other. Earlier I had seen four wood ducks (*Aix sponsa*) flying in large circles around and above the quarry. Keeping an eye out, I found a pair near a eucalypt, near what looked like an unsuitable nesting hole. Yes, they do nest in living-tree hollows.

A favourite plant that seems to flower here in winter (although listed as flowering in summer-autumn) is one of the Hop Bushes *Dodonaea sinuolata* (Latin *sinuatus* =wavy, referring to the leaf) which is an open, delicate bush; it's quite subtle and lovely in my dry shade (it is a little similar to *D. boroniifolia*, I think). Its main feature is the interesting orange-brown 4-winged capsules that age to pinkish; they also look good in a vase when you prune.

This plant is listed as 1-3m in height and spreading, the leaves are pinnate so gives it an open, fern-like look. Apparently, male and female flowers are born on separate plants but are visually insignificant; it is the fruit that catches the eye.



Dodonaea sinuolata (Photo: Monika Herrmann)

The common name of Hop bushes was gained from the decorative fruiting capsules which were used by the early settlers as a substitute for European hops in the brewing of beer. Most of the Hop bush species are found in the semi-arid to arid regions and are seen commonly when travelling inland.

Monika Herrmann

Reference: Encyclopaedia of Australian Plants by Elliot and Jones
ANPSA on-line site

Shows, conferences, plant sales and other items of interest 2023

Please check APS Victoria website for cancellations

2 September 2023 – APS Cardinia Region Group Plant Sale at Akoonah Park, Princes Hwy, Berwick, from 9 am to 3 pm. To be located in the undercover fruit and vegetable market area.

9 & 10 September 2023 - APS Yarra Yarra Australian Plants Expo, Eltham Community & Reception Centre, 801 Main Road Eltham. 10 am - 4 pm both days. Plant sellers include Phillip Vaughan, Nangak Tamboree (LaTrobe) Wildlife Sanctuary Nursery, Goldfields Revegetation Nursery, and Yarra Yarra Growers (seven other member growers on this stall). Tubestock to advanced plants, indigenous and grafted stock too, and books on related subjects - all at great prices. Flower and other displays, including Crowsfoot Pottery, & Helene Wild giftware. Activities for children, refreshments available. Accessible venue.. See website: <https://apsyarrayarra.org.au/australian-plants-expo/> for more information and for plant lists closer to the time.

16 & 17 September 2023 – Angair Wildflower Show & Art Show, Anglesea Memorial Hall, McMillan Street, Anglesea. 10 am to 4 pm. Wildflower display, indigenous plant sales, art show and painting sales. Visit online at: www.angairnatureshow.org.au Enquiries: email admin@angair.org.au phone 5263 1085, www.angair.org.au

23 & 24 September 2023 – APS Bendigo Flower Show, Victory College, Kairn Road, Strathdale (Bendigo).

23 & 24 September 2023 – APS Grampians host APS Vic September COMM.

30 September & 1 October 2023 – APS Grampians Group Pomonal Native Flower Show, Pomonal Hall.

7 October 2023 – APS Echuca Moama Native Flower Showcase, Echuca Masonic Lodge Hall, 426 High Street, Echuca. 9 am to 4 pm. Flower show, native plant sales, basket weaving display, floral art and painting sales.

14 October 2023 – APS Mitchell Plant Expo and Sale. Wallan Community Centre, Bentinck Street, Wallan. From 9 am to 3 pm.

21 & 22 October 2023 - APS Ballarat Spring Flower Show. Flower show, plant sales etc. Robert Clark Centre, Ballarat Botanic Gardens, Gilles Street, Ballarat. 10 am – 4 pm.

21 & 22 October 2023 - Cranbourne Friends RBGV Autumn Plant Sale. 10 am to 4 pm. Wide range of plants, plant list available one week before sale. Website: rbgfriendscranbourne.org.au

30 September to 4 October, 2024 – ANPSA 2024 Biennial Conference in Melbourne hosted by APS Victoria.



Sunset (Photo: Monika Herrmann)

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MEETINGS

Venue: Knox Park Primary School, Kathryn Rd,
Knoxfield. (Melway 73 C3)

Date: 4th Wednesday of the month (Feb-Nov)

Time: 7.45pm

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Please email contributions for the next
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*We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the
land on which we meet. We pay our respects to First
Nations People throughout Australia
and to Elders, past, present and emerging.*

VISITORS WELCOME!

Trivia - Answers

ROUND 1 – General Knowledge

1. The Commonwealth Star
(although the term "Federation Star" is frequently used, the term "Commonwealth Star" is the official name. It's the name ascribed to the star by the Australian Government when the Australian flag was adopted and gazetted in the official Government gazette. It originally had six points to symbolise the six original Australian states of the Commonwealth of Australia, with the seventh point added in 1908 to recognise Australia's territories.)

2. The 19th century
(gold was discovered in 1851 at Ballarat and sparked Victoria's famous gold rush)

3. Queensland

4. Southern Cassowary (average weights:
Ostrich 104kg; Cassowary 45kg; Emu 33kg;
Rhea 23kg; King Penguin 31.5kg)

5. The unicorn is the national animal of Scotland
(Wales and Bhutan have dragons on their flags)

6. Anna Creek Station
(located in south Australia, it covers an area of
23,677 km² or 5,851,000 acres)

ROUND 2 – Plants

1. A stem or stalk supporting a flower or
inflorescence (the stem or stalk supporting a
leaf is called a petiole)

2. The Myrtle family, Myrtaceae (it includes
many well known and widely cultivated plants
including Leptospermum itself (tea trees),
Callistemon (bottlebrushes), and Melaleuca
(paperbarks). The Leptospermum alliance also
includes some less well known genera such as
Kunzea, Calothamnus, Beaufortia and Eremaea)

3. Moss

(while lichens can grow in very harsh conditions they are not classified as true plants)

4. The papery or straw-like bracts that surround the flower heads

5. The Everglades in Florida, USA

6. Covering a seed

(an aril is a specialised, fleshy outgrowth, rich in lipids, that partly or completely covers the seed. It serves as an edible enticement to encourage animals, usually birds, to disperse the seed)



***Bracteantha bracteata* in the butterfly garden at Knox Park Primary School**

(Photo: Janet Hodgkiss)

ROUND 3 – Sport / Culture

- 1. Cricket, Duck
- 2. Dot painting
- 3. Tim Winton
- 4. Down Under by Men at Work
- 5. Dawn Fraser (Swimmer)
- 6. Margaret River

ROUND 4 – Food / Drink

- 1. Tea
- 2. Bush Tucker
- 3. Proteaceae (*Macadamia* spp. is native to northeastern New South Wales, central and southeastern Queensland)

4. Victoria

(Goulburn Valley, Harcourt, Yarra Valley, Mornington Peninsula, and Gippsland. Tasmania’s main growing regions are Tamar Valley and Huon Valley)

5. Flat white

6. Lobster (specifically, a slipper lobster)

ROUND 5 – Australian Geography / Natural Beauty

1. Tasmania

2. Wilsons Promontory National Park

3. The white, almost pure silica sand does not heat up or retain heat, so won’t burn your feet even in the middle of the day .
(there are virtually no darker coloured impurities in the sand which would absorb and retain heat)

4. Lake Burley Griffin

(a man-made lake, in the centre of Canberra. It was formed by damming the Molonglo River, and was finished and filled in 1964)

5. The Staircase to the Moon

(when the full moon rises over the exposed mudflats at low tide, the reflections of moonlight create a stairway effect over the ripples left on the sand)

6. Daintree National Park

Janet Hodgkiss

APS Foothills Calendar 2023

2023	Date	Day	Topic
August	23	Wednesday	Paul Birch – Pats’ Garden (small garden design)
	26	Saturday	Nursery visit: Southern Dandenongs Community Nursery at Birdsland Reserve with Paul Birch <i>10am – 12 noon</i>
September	27	Wednesday	Janet Hodgkiss – Antonio Park Bushland Reserve
	30	Saturday	Bush walk and explore: Antonio Park with Janet Hodgkiss <i>10am – 12 noon</i>
October	29	Sunday	Garden visit: Deb McMillan garden <i>Please note this is on Sunday between 10.00am and 12 noon</i>
	25	Wednesday	Chris Clarke – Alpine Flora
November	22	Wednesday	Chris Larkin – Melaleucas
	25	Saturday	Garden visit: Blackburn Lake Primary School with Chris Larkin <i>10am – 12 noon</i>
December	2	Saturday	End of year breakup: Kerry Davis’ house