



SEPTEMBER MEETING

Wednesday 27 September, 2023

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

Janet Hodgkiss: Antonio Park

Antonio Park is a small but significant local bushland reserve in Mitcham, packed with wildflowers and wildlife.

It has an interesting history that has allowed it to miraculously survive as a remnant patch of Valley Heathy Forest while the eastern suburbs expanded around it.

Come along and find out what the landscape looked like over 70 years ago, how it looks today, and hopefully will continue to look like into the future.



Weekend walk

Saturday 30 September, 2023

Join us for a leisurely Saturday morning walk-and-explore at Antonio Park.

At this time of year, the understorey is dotted with wildflowers of all descriptions, and there's plenty of birdlife too.

For more details see page 3.

Reliable Daisies

Chris Larkin takes a look at two species of *Olearia* on page 12.

ANPSA conference 2024

The fourth newsletter is attached to the newsletter email for your convenience.



Hi Everyone,

Great to see so many members at our August meeting. Was the drawcard Paul's talk on the development of Pat's front garden, the secret member surprise, getting together with like-minded friends or all of the above!

Because of the member surprise we changed the normal order of business for the evening starting with notices, then plants on the bench, raffle and Paul's talk. Then it was time for the member surprise.

Thanks, Janet Higman, for taking charge of the bench plants. Most people who brought in plants had them clearly labelled which makes it's easier for the person handling this section of the meeting, but it's also useful when people come up and take a closer look at what has been brought in. Thanks to everyone donating plants to the raffle. We have been having such a range of plants to choose from if your lucky number is drawn.

Developing a relatively small garden has its own unique challenges for the design of the space, i.e., the shape of garden beds and paths, and choice and placement of plants. See a full report on Paul's talk later in this newsletter.

The member surprise was successfully kept a secret from Kerry. Foothills wanted to sincerely thank him for all the years he has been our newsletter editor. I joined the group in about 1992 or 1993 and he was editor then. That's 30 years ago, so he may have been carrying out the role for 35 or more years. What a lot of changes he has had to cope with, from the time before computers to the changes that computers have undergone. Kerry has remained unflappable, flexible and good humoured in dealing with change. He has duplicated or photocopied newsletters and posted them out, but now, thankfully, all newsletters go out online. The job is also now less lonely and hopefully a bit easier with Janet, who has a lot of skills in the area, working alongside him. Janet said a lot of thank yous expressing our deep gratitude and

letting Kerry know the work he has done, and still does, is not taken in any way for granted but is essential to the group and much appreciated.



Thank you, Kerry! (Photo: Shirley Smith)

A word on membership. How good are we! Foothills members negotiated the new online system with very little drama. We have 35 members including our newest member, Sally Everitt. Welcome Sally.

We have a full program of speakers and activities through to the end of the year, so the committee is now looking to next year and would welcome any suggestions from the group. Think about whether you could volunteer to speak to the group on a topic of your choosing. If you would be more comfortable doing a mini talk then maybe we could get two members to present on the one night – a double act!

Spring is here and the gardens are full of colour and there is so much more to come. Enjoy the season.

Chris Larkin

Saturday morning bush walk: Antonio Park, Mitcham

Date: Saturday 30 September, 2023

Time: 10 am

Address: Corner of Whitehorse Rd and
Deep Creek Rd, Mitcham.

Melway reference: 49 C8

Bring: Sun hat, water bottle, sunscreen, insect
repellent, camera, binoculars.

Optional: Thermos/cool drink; snacks for
morning tea/picnic lunch.



The ground slopes down towards the north in the direction of Yarran Dheran and Mullum Mullum Creek, but the grade for the most part is easy and not too steep. The steepest section is only encountered on one of the paths, but it can easily be easily avoided, as there are plenty of other paths to explore. Most of the paths have been recently resurfaced, so the ground underfoot is good.



Meet in the parking area off Deep Creek Rd (at the Whitehorse Rd end of the park), for a leisurely walk-and-explore at Antonio Park.

Antonio Park is small, so it's quite easy to walk around this bush reserve in about a half hour to an hour or so – depends on how often you stop to look at plants and/or photograph things!



There is a picnic ground, including public toilets, adjacent to the bush reserve part of Antonio Park, so if you're keen for a late morning tea or picnic lunch afterwards, bring along your Thermos or cool drink, and snacks/lunch.



Janet Hodgkiss



August Evening Meeting: Paul Birch – Pat’s Garden

Paul gave us a fascinating insight as to how a small garden, dominated by lawn and bordered with small garden beds, can be transformed into an award-winning native garden for wildlife.

When Pat (Paul’s mum-in-law) first moved to her unit in 2003, she soon set about establishing some garden beds. By 2006, although still largely lawn, the garden had progressed and now consisted of about 20% native plants, including a callistemon, a flowering gum and an eremophila.

The house faces west and gets full sun almost all day which allows for a wider range when it comes to plant choice. Paul says the lovely curve in the driveway is ideal because it helps shape the garden beds and paths, which means you can walk around the garden and see different aspects at each turn.



Pat’s garden (2006) – mostly lawn with a few garden beds (Photo: Paul Birch)

The original designer, Kirsten, had a vision of a garden with no lawn at all, so the lawn was dug up and removed, and an ethical approach to control the weeds was attempted. This involved spreading piles and piles of wood chip mulch over the entire area. The mulch layer turned out to be very thick indeed – at least 0.5m! It did the job of suppressing weeds, but at this point progress of the garden halted for a while because Kirsten moved interstate.



The very thick layer of mulch that was used to stop weeds after the lawn was removed (Photo: Paul Birch)

Paul and Bruce Gaulke, a friend of Paul’s who has a garden business, then got together and started working on developing the garden further. The first thing they did was to put in the pathways – which involved moving the piles of mulch around!

They soon discovered that there was no soil underneath the mulch, so they had to bring in soil. The mulch eventually rotted down and improved the soil layer, but Paul says in the beginning they were essentially digging holes in the mulch layer, filling those with soil and

planting into the holes. The soil is now largely broken-down mulch which is underlain by hard packed clay.

The pathways are constructed of granitic sand and are mostly edged with basalt rocks that were brought in from around Colac. The granitic sand compacts well, making a harder and firmer surface which is good if stability and balance of the users might be a problem. To avoid losing planting space, the pathways were purposely not located along the fence line.

Pat also had someone bring in gum logs to edge some of the beds, and although they looked out of place at first, once the bark peeled off and they began to age they started to blend in. The only problem is that they can pose a trip hazard and the hose gets caught on the edges when a hose is needed, but these problems have largely been overcome.



The new log edging (Photo: Paul Birch)



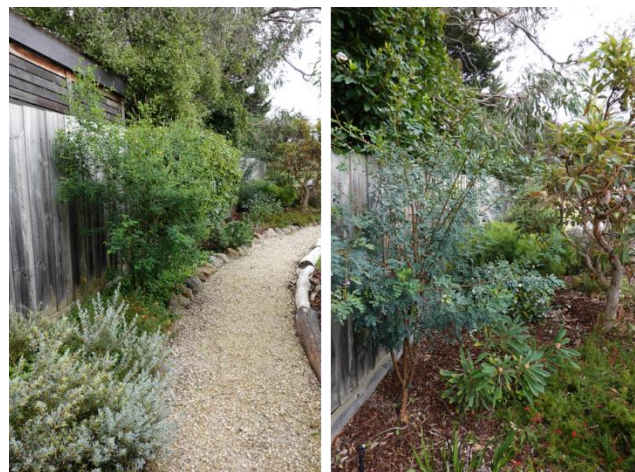
Aged log edging (Photo: Janet Hodgkiss)

The wooden boundary fence is screened by plants, and in one of the narrower garden beds along the fence line a Pandorea has been

trained up against it, while *Goodia lotifolia* (quick-growing; yellow pea flowers) and *Indigofera australis* (blue-green leaves and soft purple-pink pea flowers) do a good job of further softening the straight lines of the fence, as well as providing colour.



Pandorea grown against the fence
(Photo: Janet Hodgkiss)



Fenceline softened with Goodia and Indigofera
(Photo: Janet Hodgkiss)

A simple easy-to-use irrigation system, that runs off the garden tap, was also installed. This makes watering, when needed, easier.

The main irrigation pipes follow the path lines and the half- and full-circle spray heads work well as the water pressure is good. It is currently a manual system but could easily be automated if required.



Manual watering system with sprinkler heads
(Photo: Paul Birch)

Ground covers such as myoporum and scaevola have grown well and gone around the rocks, softening the edges. In one part of the garden the ground-covering Scaevola has unfortunately suffered frost damage so is looking a bit brown, and sadly, some careless driveway users have driven over the myoporum growing along the edge of the driveway although this tough plant should recover in time.



Scaevola and myoporum grow round the rocks; Frost has damaged the scaevola in the background, and mechanical damage has been done to the myoporum in the foreground
(Photo: Paul Birch)

The mounding and ground-covering shrubs, Hakea 'Burrendong Beauty' and Grevillea 'Winter Delight', have also grown well, and now cover the ground and out-compete the weeds. The remaining open areas are mulched with a layer of 20mm pine bark.



(L) Grevillea 'Winter Delight'; (R) and Hakea 'Burrendong Beauty' (Photo: Paul Birch)

Some other plants used in the garden are: *Grevillea lavandulacea* 'Winter Delight'; *Grevillea whiteana* 'Moonlight'; Hakea 'Burrendong Beauty'; Tetratheca; Eremophila.



(L) Grevillea 'Moonlight'; (R) Tetratheca
(Photo: Paul Birch)

The original callistemon has grown very well but has developed a split low down on the trunk, so something may need to be done about that.

How the problem of the split trunk will be managed, or solved, depends on whether or not Pat wishes to retain the callistemon. It currently provides afternoon shade, but an option would be to remove it and put something else in its place.



Callistemon with split trunk (Photo: Paul Birch)



**Pat's garden looking along the drive:
then (2006) and now (2023)**
(Photos: Paul Birch; Janet Hodgkiss)



**Pat's garden looking towards the house:
then (2006) and now (2023)**
(Photos: Paul Birch; Janet Hodgkiss)



**Grevilleas along the drive provide colour and
form, as well as habitat and food for nectar-
feeding birds (Photo: Janet Hodgkiss)**

The garden has since received an award from Gardens for Wildlife, and Paul is now working on transforming the back yard too.

Thanks Paul, for a great talk, and for showing us just how much can be done and achieved in such a small space.

Janet Hodgkiss

Visit to Southern Dandenongs Community Nursery

We visited this charming community nursery, located in the Birdsland Reserve in Belgrave Heights, where they propagate and grow plants indigenous to the Dandenong Ranges.

Thank you, Paul and Rafaela for giving up your time on a Saturday morning to give us an exclusive tour, and tell us about the work that you do at the nursery.



The cheerful entrance to the nursery – straight away you can see that it is a much larger operation than it first seems.

The first few rows of benches are the retail section, while the remainder of the nursery is given over to propagating, growing and supplying plants to various clients, including various local councils, Melbourne Water, Healesville Sanctuary, Landcare and Friends groups, community groups, etc.



The row with yellow labels holds plants for retail sale, while those in the rows behind are

destined for use in revegetation and other projects. Some plants are also grown to order for some clients.



Yellow sticky traps are used to trap flying insects in the poly tunnel where seeds are germinated.



Metal mesh cages are used to protect the newly-sown seeds from being eaten by mice. Some plants grown at the nursery are propagated via cuttings, but many more of the plants are propagated via seed to maintain genetic diversity.



Trays and trays of newly sprouted seedlings.



Tubes are washed and re-used to reduce the impact on the environment. Here a stack of tubes has been prepared and filled with soil ready for planting.



Once the young plants have been pricked out, planted up, and hardened off, they are grown on in this shade house.



Their stock of labels is housed on this wall – an impressive sight and very handy to have the labels easily accessible like this.



Tubes are cleverly repurposed to hold and store plant labels.



A beautiful specimen of *Acacia stictophylla*, Cinnamon Wattle (our Foothills emblem) in the garden at the nursery.

For further information about the nursery see:
<https://sdcn.org.au/>

Janet Hodgkiss

All photos: Janet Hodgkiss

Astus subroseus – the story

Last meeting, I brought in a cutting of a lovely little wiry heathy plant with tiny foliage and lots of bright pink flowers.

I've been growing this plant in a pot for several years, repotting it once. It was labelled *Astus* sp. because I couldn't remember or locate its name in my notes.



Astus sp. (Photo: Chris Larkin)

Janet Higman held the cutting aloft at the start of the bench plants segment, after I spoke to her about its rarity. It was also passed around the group. Subsequently, Janet Hodgkiss took it home and puzzled over the name it was given. She has spent a long, long time on plant names etc., and couldn't recall an Australian plant genus, *Astus*. So, what did she do? Well, she Googled it of course. What did she find? Well, nothing, zip, zilch.

A couple of days later Janet and I were speaking on the phone on another matter, and as a by-the-by she questioned me about the name I'd given the plant. Did I get it wrong? Was it a *Baeckea*, or *Thryptomene* perhaps? No, I was sure it was an *Astus*. After getting off the phone we both started to search the web differently, looking for other websites and plant listings. Perhaps we should have asked ChatGPT!

I didn't get anywhere and got diverted on to other stuff – as you do. Janet found several links that you'll find at the end of this article.

Thank you, Janet.

Is it rare? Not so sure when you look at the various locations where it has been identified, although it may not be common in any of them. Certainly, it is not readily available here. Is it the only *Astus*? No, there are a few more. Is it easy to grow? Doing well in a pot over a long time but until I can get another one, I won't be able to put that to the test.

* World Flora Online (taxonomy database)

<https://www.worldfloraonline.org/search?query=astus>

* <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Astus>

* Western Australian Herbarium:

<https://florabase.dbca.wa.gov.au/browse/profile/20726>

* Goldfields Revegetation Plant Catalogue:

<http://goldfieldsrevegetation.com.au/PlantDetail.asp?PlantID=6814>

Chris Larkin



Astus in a pot (Chris Larkin)

Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne - Orchid Conservation Tours

Dr Noushka Reiter will be leading tours of the orchid conservation area at RBC Cranbourne on Saturday 9th, 16th and 23rd of September.

Here is a rare opportunity to see and hear about the amazing work being done to conserve our native terrestrial orchids.

The link below gives you further information and how to book.

<https://www.rbg.vic.gov.au/cranbourne-gardens/what-s-on-cranbourne/orchid-conservation-program-open-shadehouses/>

Activities being hosted by APS Grampians, 23 – 27 September

A reminder that APS Grampians is hosting the APS Victoria Committee of Management Meeting and AGM, on 23 September at Pomonal Hall.

Members are encouraged to attend - it is not just for committee members.

They have also organised a wonderful range of garden visits and excursions from Sunday 24th to Wednesday 27th September, followed by their Pomonal Flower Show on 30th September and 1st October. See the program below.

This is the perfect opportunity to see the Grampians in all its spring glory and the chance to visit special areas such as the new WAMA indigenous garden with expert guides.

Accommodation is filling up – if you want to take part in any of the activities, book now.

Program of Activities

Saturday 23 September

9:00 am onwards, register at Pomonal Hall, Ararat- Halls Gap Road, Pomonal.

10.00 am APS Vic committee meeting.

Those not attending the meeting are free to do their own thing; Grampians members will be on hand to provide suggestions as required.

12:30 pm Lunch for all at Pomonal Hall.

2.00 pm APS Vic AGM will be held at the hall.

3:00 pm Garden & Nursery Visits.

5:30 pm arrival for 6 pm dinner at Barney's Bistro, Pomonal (3447 Ararat-Halls Gap Rd).

Sunday 24 September

10:00 am WAMA site tour and lunch (Wildlife Arts Museum Australia <https://wama.net.au/>).

2:00 pm Neil & Wendy Marriott's Panrock Ridge for garden tour and afternoon tea.

Monday 25 – Wednesday 27 September

Following the COMM, APS Grampians will host free conducted bird walks, Grampians flower walks & hikes and winery visits. (Thursday & Friday we'll be setting up the show, where you're welcome to get involved!). You are welcome to do your own thing and Grampians members will be pleased to offer suggestions, such as nursery visits, trips to local lakes and wetlands, likely orchid locations, walking destinations for views, flowers, waterfalls and picnics.

Saturday 30 September – Sunday 1 October

Pomonal Flower Show.

Registration

You need to register for the activities you want to attend by filling out an online form. The link to the form is below:

[Fill out form](#)

Note: when you click on the Fill Out Form button you will have to enter details on four pages. Click on the Next button to move from the completed page to the next one, and then finally click the Submit button. Pre-payment is not required – you will pay when you arrive.

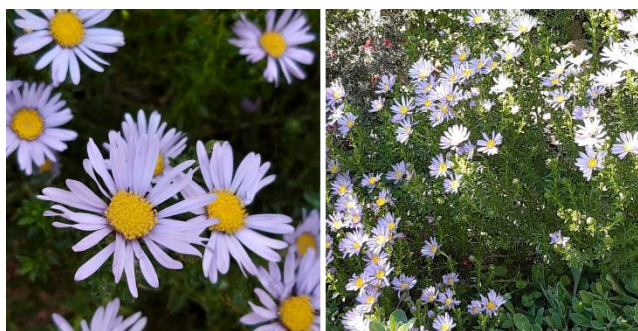
Finally, many of us miss the old-style Quarterly Weekends as they were a great way of socialising with other APS members and seeing a different part of the country with expert guides. Here is your chance to experience one!

Reliable Daisies – *Olearia homolepis* and *Olearia minor*

The most commonly grown daisy plants in our gardens are various forms and colours of the ground covering plants, *Brachyscome multifida*, and *B. angustifolia*. But what about reliable small to medium size daisy shrubs? In recent years I've had good success with two species of olearia which grow to around 1.25m depending on growing conditions. They are both in flower right now in August.

Olearias are from the Family Asteraceae. *Olearia homolepis* has shiny dark green leaves and branches that ascend rather than spreading out. These branches can become crowded and flop down, but it responds very well to a good prune which can bring it back to a more compact upright habit, while rejuvenating the plant. The fact that it has smaller branches off more major ones (see the close-up picture) gives you a great guide about where to prune. Its flowers are terminal but there are plenty of them appearing at the end of all small branchlets. It is also long flowering.

Flower colour can be white, according to Elliot and Jones, but in my case a pink-mauve with a strong yellow centre. *Olearia homolepis* is a West Australian plant, needing reasonably good drainage but growing in a range of soils and light conditions.



Olearia homolepis (Photo: Chris Larkin)

Olearia minor is very widespread, growing from southern NSW to S-E WA. It is a mallee plant needing good drainage and conditions more on the dry side than wet. It will tolerate semi-shade or sun. This plant has grey-green leaves,

less than half the size of those of *O. homolepis*, (refer to picture). It does have ascending branches but over time, if it is happy, it grows into a robust, densely foliated plant you might think would be good to topiary. I have certainly had to prune mine and have so far taken the shears to it to save time more than anything else. The alternative would be to do some serious internal as well as external pruning.

I have another one of these shrubs in tougher, drier conditions and more shade. It has remained quite small with an open growth habit. It's clearly about position, position, position. The flower colour on these plants is white with a hint of mauve, and with a pale mauve centre.



Olearia homolepis (L) – smaller side branches
Olearia minor (R) – grey-green leaves
(Photo: Chris Larkin)

Apparently, plants marketed as *Olearia iodochroa* from the Brisbane Ranges and also plants previously known as *Olearia pimeleoides* var. *minor* are *Olearia minor*.



Olearia minor (Photo: Chris Larkin)

So far, both these olearia plants are proving reliable and long lived. They are also easily propagated.

Chris Larkin

Reference: Elliot and Jones, Encyclopaedia of Australian Plants.

Bits and Pieces

At the Trivia Quiz, I was lucky to choose the book - Futureproof your Garden: Environmentally sustainable ways to grow more with less by Angus Stewart and Emma Stewart. It's a very practical and useful book giving much useful information, covering topics such as the science of irrigation, harvesting your water, 'futureproofing' soils, designing a landscape for future climate conditions, as well as the usual photos and lists of water-efficient plants, native and exotic. I want to thank Patty Crowley for her very generous donation to our Trivia Quiz. Great choice - it is really appreciated.

I think everyone loves the Prom. We spent a few days in mid-August in the area. It's always refreshing and even though it was blustery and cold, we were lucky to enjoy some sunshine.

Vereker Outlook in the northern part of the Prom, is a favourite short walk, taking you across boulders and through impressive textural Saw Banksia (*Banksia serrata*) woodland; the path is thickly covered with these leaves. Then you head through Casuarina woodland further up to the high point that gives views across Corner Inlet and the northern tip. A pair of Scarlet Robins graced us with their presence and cheery call while we had a bite to eat. Bird presence is always a delight. There were wonderful Grass Trees everywhere and large patches of flowering Soft Bush-Pea (*Pultanaea mollis*).



Banksia serrata (Photo: Monika Herrmann)

On the Pillar Point walk overlooking Norman Bay we saw plenty of flowering clematis looking lovely, draped over the trees. On a smaller scale, a few Helmet Orchids were found in the carpet

of mosses and Honey Pots (*Acrotriche serrulata*) as well as Trailing Ground Berry (*Acrotriche prostrata*) lined the path in patches. (They belong in the Ericaceae family, syn. Epacridaceae - Flora of Melbourne)



***Corybas incurvus* (Helmet Orchid)**
(Photo: Rolf Herrmann)



Darwinia taxifolia* var. *macrostegia
(Photo: Monika Herrmann)

On the home front the garden is showing its colours – the golds of wattles and the different shades of purple of the mint bushes contrast beautifully. I like the delicate and textural look

of *Darwinia taxifolia* which stays low and cascades lightly over our rocks.

A few years back, I was given a present of a rare wattle *Acacia gittinsii* from Bill Aitchison (thank you, Bill) and am delighted that it has now flowered; it has a soft feathery look.

Monika Herrmann



Acacia gittinsii (Photo: Monika Herrmann)

Out and About and From the Secretary

I have come home to an explosion of growth and flowers. The garden is covered in some places with luscious greenery, and common sense tells me to start thinking of pruning. But then I have seen so many different little critters – spiders, Banded Bees, little things that flit about, and think, this is all habitat and what happens to all these little things when you start removing their homes? Common Sense will say this needs to be done, but maybe, doesn't need to be done straight away.

Standing out in my driveway is the brilliant yellow of two wattles, *Acacia stictophylla* and *A. acinacea*. Another plant thriving is *Hypocalymma angustifolium* including one flowering profusely although it is primarily growing in full shade. I have been fond of these for a long time, but this year they are performing exceptionally.



Hypocalymma angustifolium

(Photo: Nicky Zanen)

Last year when the FJC Rogers Seminar was held, I took a photo of plants that surround Bev’s water tank in her front garden. I took another photo this week – these plants have also grown amazingly and I thought I would share this picture with you. The main flowers are *Hardenbergia comptoniana* (white), *Chorizema cordatum* and *Hibbertia dentata*.

Our Foothills group has thrived during my absence. An AGM held where we welcome a new member onto our committee – thanks for coming on board Deb, and a trivia night I am so sorry to have missed. Weren’t the questions set by Janet fabulous? She has set a precedent now but I’m left wondering where on earth she got some of these questions from.



Plants that surround Bev’s water tank

(Photo: Nicky Zanen)

Much as I have had difficulty with the new membership renewal process this year, it has brought with it a surprising benefit. We have gained a new member, and as secretary of APS Foothills, and on behalf of our members, extend a warm welcome to Sally Everitt from Belgrave South. I look forward to meeting you Sally, and hope that we continue to see your active involvement in our activities.

On my way home last month, I spent some time where I grew up in the Highveld area near Johannesburg, known as Gauteng. The entire area has been developed now, the wide open plains all but disappeared and under housing and new freeways. However, there are still stands of eucalypts especially along the old main roads. These trees are huge and I couldn’t identify too many, but most seemed to be spotted gums, *Corymbia maculata*.

It was good being back in the ‘old’ country, but even better being home. Thank you to Janet for standing in as secretary while I was away, and

congratulations to Chris for taking on the APS Foothills leadership.

Nicky Zanen



Eucalypts especially along the old main roads at Gauteng

(Photo: Nicky Zanen)

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

Please check APS Victoria website for cancellations

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: rbgfrienscranbourne.org.au

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



Daisies add color to your garden

(Photo: Kerry Davis)

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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

Newsletter Contributions

Please email contributions for the next newsletter to Kerry Davis by no later than:
8pm Monday 9th October 2023.

Email: foothillsnewsletter@apsvic.org.au

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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!

APS Foothills Calendar 2023			
2023	Date	Day	Topic
September	27	Wednesday	Janet Hodgkiss – Antonio Park Bushland Reserve
	30	Saturday	Weekend walk: Explore Antonio Park with Janet Hodgkiss <i>10 am – 12 noon</i>
October	25	Wednesday	Chris Clarke – Alpine Flora
	29	Sunday	Garden visit: Rosella Rise – Deb McMillan’s garden <i>10 am – 12 noon; Note: this is a Sunday</i>
November	22	Wednesday	Chris Larkin – Melaleucas
	25	Saturday	Garden visit: Blackburn Lake Primary School with Chris Larkin <i>10 am – 12 noon</i>
December	2	Saturday	End of year breakup: Kerry Davis house



Pomaderris aurea and Artistry of the Grass Tree (Photos: Monika Herrmann)