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MARCH MEETING - Plant Based Trivia

A good number of our regulars gathered at The Ballroom for a delicious Pizza dinner prior to the Trivia Night. It was good to see John and Barb Bell back at the meetings, too. Thanks to Bruce for organizing and collecting the pizzas.

The Trivia Night was a team's competition and we all battled for the 'It Got Stuck Onto My Shoe' perpetual trophy. Nicole, with Sergeant-Major-like demeanour, organized us all into four 'even' teams. She read, re-read and reiterated the rules ... have fun, no cheating (contradictory) no arguing (good luck with that) and Matt is the adjudicator .. he has the final say. (Really?) Then the fun began.

There were a series of questions, puzzles, anagrams, and pictograms ranging from 'easy' to 'only Dr. Karl would know'. It was great fun, and hardly insulting at all to Frank and myself. ☺ Old Man's Beard indeed!

The victors were *Plantasia* - Jennie Epstein, Tina Scheelings, John Bell and Matt Baars - an extremely knowledgeable group who managed a perfect score on the first round.



The winners with their trophy.

Thanks to Nicole and Matt for the great amount of work they put into the quiz and for putting up with our competitive heckling, and immature whining. Roll on next year's Trivia Night.

PLANT TABLE - Various Members

As it was Trivia Night there was no plant table this month.

PLANT SALE - 13th April, 2024

Our plant sale will be happening again on Saturday, **13th April**. We are changing the format a little this year in that we won't be running a canteen and BBQ. That side of the event will be undertaken by a Lion's Club, to relieve we aging volunteers from the chore, and to free us to chat to folks about APS Geelong and native plants.

We would still like as many of you as possible to help out on the day. We'll need help with parking, gate takings, general duties around the place.

There will be a working bee to get the site ready on **Friday 12th of April** from 1.00 pm. More folks means a quicker job, so come along and help prepare.

We'll be having our usual Flower Display and we'd love anything you can bring from your garden to add to it With names, if you know them. ☺



We look forward to seeing you all at the sale.

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2023 MEETINGS and OUTINGS

April 13	Plant Sale
April 16	Frogs and other Amphibians
June meeting	Grant Baverstock – Bats
Aug Meeting	AGM & Photo Competition
Oct Meeting	RSPCA Koala Hospital

Lots more in the pipeline. Stay tuned!

APS GEELONG MEMBERSHIPS

We are introducing a new system for our membership renewals, to keep in line with APS Victoria procedures and to enable us to better keep track of our membership.

All memberships will terminate of 30th June each year, regardless of when the previous payment was made.* Membership fees will be due on July 1st every year.

We understand that, for some of you, this means you will not have had a full year of membership from your last payment. Our fees are so low in comparison with other clubs, that we don't think it will be an issue for any of you. If it is, and you'd like to discuss our rationale, please get in touch with me or a committee member.

* Exception: We are hoping to recruit new members at the plant sale in April, and any who sign on at the sale, or afterwards, will have membership through to 30 June 2025.

Don't forget, if you join APS Victoria and pay your membership of APS Geelong at the same time, please email our secretary to let him know. That way, we keep you in the loop and keep our records up to date, as we are required by law to do.

Email the secretary at: apsgeelong@gmail.com

LIVERWORTS

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Ade Foster

A few months back Chris Wakker-Cook posed a question about Liverworts in the garden and what members feel about them. Do we leave them, or do we remove them as most are introduced species. I had a message from Lyhn Barfield with this great photo.

Lyhn volunteers at the Queenscliff Indigenous Nursery, and one of her tasks is to remove the Liverwort that may form in the soil of the tubestock.



A liverwort is a flowerless, spore-producing plant - with the spores produced in small capsules. They don't have flowers, but rather male and female reproductive structures called sporocarps.

The male sporocarps – Antheridiophores - look like an umbrella while the female ahegoniophores have finger-like projections. Lyhn's photo is of the female ahegoniophores.

Liverworts have flattened, ground-hugging, leaf-like structures called the thallus. These were thought to look like the lobes of a liver. Wort is an old English word for a small plant. Hence the name.

Liverworts are not really a problem in the garden, and some folks encourage them in pots to give a certain aesthetic. They possibly indicate an acidic soil. They can compete with young plants for nutrients. So to keep or not to keep? Entirely up to you.