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Australian Plant Society – Melton & Bacchus Marsh Inc

NEWSLETTER June 2023

MEETING SCHEDULE

3rd Wednesday of the month
start 7:30pm (doors open from 7pm).

Address:

Botanica Springs Community Centre
249 Clarkes Rd
Brookfield VIC 3338

MELTON – BACCHUS MARSH EVENTS

WEDNESDAY 21 JUNE

7.30 PM

MELTON – BACCHUS MARSH MONTHLY MEETING

Photography Workshop with Bronwyn Flack

July – mid-winter recess - no meeting

WEDNESDAY 16 AUGUST

7.30 PM

Flower Table & MELTON-BACCHUS MARSH AGM.

WEDNESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

MELTON-BACCHUS MARSH MONTHLY MEETING

Hands on **Grafting** workshop with Tony Hughes from the Gordon Institute

OTHER EVENTS

June 24 & 25

APS Ballarat Winter Flower Show
10 AM – 4 PM Robert Clarke Centre
Ballarat Botanic Gardens
Gilles St. Ballarat

September 2

APS Cardinia Region Plant Sale
9 AM – 3 PM
'Arkoonah', Princes Hwy. Berwick.
(undercover fruit-veg area).

September 9 & 10

APS Yarra Yarra Australian Plants Expo
10 AM – 4 PM
Eltham Community & Reception Centre
801 Main Rd. Eltham

September 23 & 24

APS Bendigo Flower Show,
Victory College, Kairn Rd. Strathdale

September 30 & October 1

APS Grampians,
Pomonal Native Flower Show
9 AM – 4 PM
Pomonal Hall

NEXT MEETING

21 JUNE 7:30 PM Botanica Springs.

PLANT PHOTOGRAPHY Workshop

Bronwyn Flack,

from the **Bacchus Marsh Photography Club** will help us improve our plant photography and will have us using our own cameras.

Bring your own camera; and tripod if you have one.



Hakea drupacea
Photo – Susan Ehrenberg

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APRIL MEETING presentation – notes by Susan Ehrenberg

BANKSIAS

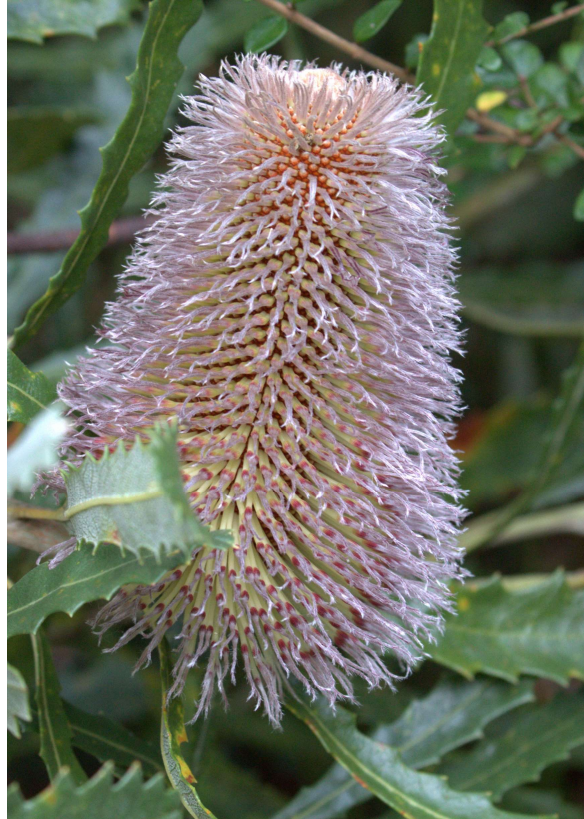
Kevin and Kathy Collins gave a fascinating presentation on their experiences growing **all** of the Banksia species.

Most species of Banksia grow in soils that are typically low in nutrients; and develop numerous clusters of fine roots. The clusters appear to last for just one growing season and then wither and are replaced by new clusters the following year.

No Banksias are wind pollinated. Self-pollination is rare and results in low seed production. Most species are cross pollinated.

When collecting seed, fruiting cones must be more than 12 months old. Banksias have evolved different ways of releasing seed. Some shed their seeds at maturity, while others retain their seeds until burnt. Others may open in the sun but release only after an appropriate rain event. In their book 'Banksias' (Collins, Collins and George) there is information on how to extract seed from cones using heat.

Banksias have developed two types of response to bushfires. Approximately half are killed by fire and regenerate from seed. The other half survive fire and sprout from buds that are either on an underground lignotuber or on the trunk and thicker branches.



Banksia baueri



Banksia ericifolia

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MAY 2023 Plant Sale – Bacchus Marsh



Our May plant sale was very successful, featuring - perfect weather.



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June – some Hakeas flowering in Bullengarook – (elevation 530 m)



Hakea decurrens physocarpa



Hakea orthorrhyncha var filiformis



Hakea petiolaris



Hakea scoparia

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June – and a couple of Banksias



Banksia integrifolia



Banksia spinulosa 'Bold&Gold'

On the horizon for October ...

October 28 & 29

Bacchus Marsh Flower & Garden Show

www.bmflowershow.org

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