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Australian Plant Society – Melton & Bacchus Marsh Inc

NEWSLETTER September 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 20 SEPTEMBER

7.30 PM

MELTON – BACCHUS MARSH MONTHLY MEETING

Grafting Workshop with Tony Hughes

SATURDAY 14 OCTOBER

Gardens visit.

Visits to two or three gardens in the Dandenongs area.

SATURDAY 18 NOVEMBER

5.00 PM

MELTON-BACCHUS MARSH MONTHLY MEETING

Spit roast dinner at McCarthy garden, Bullengarook; featuring 'Giant raffle of plants'.

DECEMBER – no meeting

SATURDAY 20 JANUARY 2024

*Group potting day for Hakea seedlings at Pye's - Bullengarook.
BBQ lunch subject to fire restrictions.*

OTHER EVENTS

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

October 21 & 22

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

October 21 & 22

Cranbourne Friends RBGV
Spring Plant Sale
10 AM – 4 PM

www.rbgfriendscranbourne.org.au

October 28 & 29

Bacchus Marsh Flower & Garden Show
www.bmflowershow.org

NEXT MEETING

20 SEPTEMBER 7:30 PM Botanica Springs.

Hands on **GRAFTING Workshop**

with **Tony Hughes,**

from the **Gordon Institute.**

All materials supplied.



Grevillia 'superb'
Photo – Susan Ehrenberg

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Garden visits – Saturday 14 October

Gardens:

1. Chris Larkin – 29B Wellington Road, Lysterfield.
2. Chelsea Australian Garden at Olinda, 24 The Georgian Road, Dandenong Ranges Botanic Garden, Olinda. Open 10 am to 4.30 pm.
3. Karwarra Australian Plant Garden and Nursery, Kalorama Memorial Reserve, 1190-1192 Mount Dandenong Tourist Rd, Kalorama. Open 1 pm to 4 pm.

Program:

1. Meet at 10.30 am at Chris Larkin's garden.
2. Lunch at Lysterfield or Olinda. (There is a bakery at Lysterfield and a café at the Chelsea garden).
3. Proceed to Chelsea Garden or Karwarra garden depending on time (noting Karwarra opening time).

It is approximately 20 minutes drive from Lysterfield to Olinda and a further 10 minutes or less to Kalorama.

Carpooling could be desirable for this day due to the distances involved. Please advise Barb or David (0417 289 369) if you can offer or require a lift.



Banksia spinulosa var cunninghamii

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JUNE MEETING presentation – notes by Susan Ehrenberg

PLANT PHOTOGRAPHY

Bronwyn Flack, from the local photography group, made an interesting presentation on plant photography, with many useful tips for the ‘amateur’.

Points to consider when photographing plants.

- Lens choice is flexible depending on the depth of field and sharpness required. A macro lens is particularly good for focussing on objects close to the camera; alternatively, a suitably stabilised telephoto or zoom lens is fine.
- Camera shake, which causes photo blurring, can be reduced by using a tripod and then turning lens auto-stabilisation off. Other shake reduction methods include the use of a remote camera shutter switch or setting a 2 second delay on shutter release. Alternatively, set shutter speed at 1/160 second or faster. And you can ‘cheat’ by clamping part of the plant stationary.
- Subjects look better on cloudy days or in morning/evening (the golden hour) as this brings out more texture detail and colour.



Use this sensible macro lens, Ken, and use the tripod – you shake too much!

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Some wild Hakea photography.
Hakea multilineata or hybrid.



Photo by David Pye

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 16 AUGUST 2023

The following Office Bearers have been elected.

President	Barb Pye
Vice-President	Dave Johnstone
Secretary	Tez Birgin
Treasurer	Jen Eldridge
Public Officer	Norris McCarthy
Committee	Susan Ehrenberg, Lucille McCarthy, Norris McCarthy, Margaret Peters, Dave Peters, Max Thompson, Ivan Pollock, David Pye
APS Vic delegate	Jen Eldridge

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Inverleigh gardens visit – 2nd September

With perfect weather, the Group visited three gardens at Inverleigh belonging to Matt Leach, his parents Victor and Mora, and neighbours Robyn and Stuarde Kerdel. The three adjacent gardens cover approximately 20 acres, with over 1,000 species of plants present.



Remnant *E camaldulensis*



Perusing the Banksia collection



Lyrebird on the fence



House garden protected from wallaby by mattress recycling

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September – in flower at Bullengarook – (elevation 530 m)



Acacia leprosa (red)



Hakea tuberculata



Banksia hybrid *spinulosa*
x ericifolia 'birdsong'

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Hakea invaginata



Hakea sericea

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