



Australian Plants Society Wangaratta Inc. July 2024 Newsletter

Meetings – our meetings are usually held in the Masonic Lodge Hall, 101 Appin Street, Wangaratta, @ 7pm, on the 4th Thursday February thru' November. We have had a mid-winter break for July, and will recommence on Thursday evening August 22nd. This will also be our **AGM** and the traditional **Silent Auction**. Details in this newsletter.

Outings - Visits to local gardens and places of natural beauty are organised on a Saturday or Sunday, usually following the monthly meetings.

Market stalls– are held several times a year. Coming Up : On 10th August we will be celebrating **Wattle Day** with a stall & demonstration at the Wangaratta Farmers Market.

Propagation Days are held on selected Saturdays in the warmer months.

Visitors are always welcome.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
AUGUST 2024		
Wednesday 7 th August	Preparing packets of seed and printed handouts for Wattle Day Stall	475 Shanley St, Wangaratta South. Time to be confirmed. See Pages 3 &4
Friday 9 th August	Packing up the cars and trailer for Wattle Day	475 Shanley St, Wangaratta South. Time to be confirmed. See Pages 3 &4
Saturday 10 th August	Wattle Day Stall	Wangaratta Farmers Market @ Cathedral Lawns, Ovens Street, Wangaratta. Setting up from 7.30am.8am to 12 noon. See Page 3
Thursday August 22 nd	Club Meeting. AGM & Silent Auction	7pm. Freemasons Hall. Appin St. including Election of Committee for 2024/25 See pages 6 &7
Saturday August 24 th	Outing.	Outing to Isabel Young's home, including helping to plan the design of her garden. Bring morning tea to share.
SEPTEMBER 2024		
Wednesday September 4 th	Committee meeting	5pm Freemasons Hall Meeting Room.
Thursday, September 26 th	Club meeting.	Grand Spring Spectacular Display Table. 7pm. Freemasons Hall, Appin St.
Saturday 28 th September	Outing.	Shepparton Botanic Garden. Meet for lunch in the Car park. BYO Everything, including folding chair.
OCTOBER 2024		
Thursday 24 th October	Club Meeting	Details to be confirmed.
Sunday 27 th October	Field Trip	Whorouly & Taylors Gap [near Myrtleford] Leader Michael O'Sullivan TBC
NOVEMBER 2024		
November 23 rd & 24 th	Hosting APS Victoria quarterly Weekend	Including Committee of Management Meeting & AGM, Dinner, Outings and Guest Speaker. Details to come.
DECEMBER 2024		
Saturday December 7 th	Propagating Day and Christmas Breakup lunch	From 9.00am to after lunch. @ 475 Shanley St, Wangaratta South.
JANUARY 2025 - in recess.		
FEBRUARY 2025		
Saturday February 8 th	Propagation Day & Committee meeting	Propagating from 9.00am. Committee meeting following lunch.



CELEBRATING WATTLE DAY IN WANGARATTA



Saturday 10th August
Holy Trinity Cathedral Lawns
Corner of Docker & Ovens Streets, Wangaratta

Planning is underway and we are asking for your help to make this once-a-year event a worthwhile venture. We will be:

- displaying buckets of wattle blooms,
- giving away little packets of wattle seeds suitable for growing in our local conditions with growing instructions,
- giving away small pin-on badges with sprigs of wattle,
- demonstrating how to propagate Australian plants from cuttings and seed, ○ providing information about our own APS Club and flying the flag for APS & Growing Australian. ○ having a variety of plants to give away.

How you can help.....

- Do you have some wattle seed that we can package up to give away?
- Do you have wattles in bloom that you could bring in buckets for display? [Water will be available at the site.]

Preparation Days:

- Can you help at working bees on Wednesday 7th August or Friday 9th August to prepare everything before the big day? Both days will commence at 10.30am, with morning tea to share. Lunch of home-made soup and crunchy bread will be provided. Location – 475 Shanley St, Wangaratta South. Locality map is on the next page.....

Market Day

- Can you help on Saturday 10th August,? Setting up the gazebos and tables and displays from 7.30am. The market commences at 8am, and finishes at 12 noon.

PREPARATION FOR WATTLE DAY

WEDNESDAY 7TH & FRIDAY 9TH AUGUST 2024

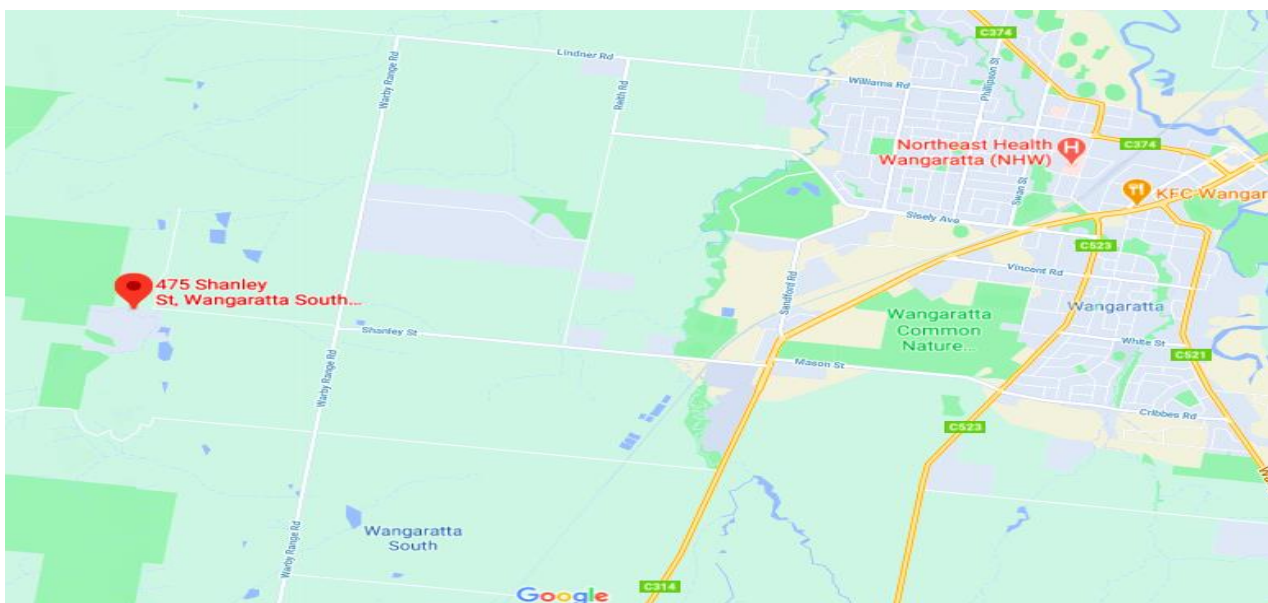
475 Shanley St, Wangaratta South.
[Corner of Shanley St & Cox Road]

WEDNESDAY

- 10.30 am onwards – preparing handouts, seed packets, badges, plants to give away.
- Morning tea -- on arrival & available throughout the morning. Please bring something to share for morning tea.
- 12.30pm – lunch. Hot soup and crusty bread will be provided.
- Approx. 2pm - finish!

FRIDAY

- 10.30 am onwards – finish anything left to do from Wednesday's working bee. Pack up the plants to give away & all the equipment and displays, etc. ready for an early start on Saturday morning.
- Morning tea -- on arrival & available throughout the morning. Please bring something to share for morning tea.
- 12.30pm – lunch. Hot soup and crusty bread will be provided.



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THE JUNE MEETING DISPLAY TABLE

Winter did not stop us from displaying some lovely flowers and wonders from our gardens. Jane brought a great display of individual flowers, and daisy seedlings to share. We were intrigued with the beautifully turned bowl which Maureen brought – from a very old and very large mystery tree on her property. Research will continue to identify the species.



ADVANCE NOTICE FOR OUR AGM & SILENT AUCTION MEETING ON 22nd AUGUST

Our August APS meeting will include

THE AGM

Our AGM does not take any more time than is necessary. In the unlikely event that any positions on our committee do not have a nomination, we DO NOT put anyone 'on the spot' or accept nominations 'from the floor', unless the nominee has already agreed to that nomination.

LUCKY NUMBER SILENT AUCTION. To round out the evening_ and by popular demand, our fourth HYBRID 'SILENT LUCKY NUMBER AUCTION' will keep us all on our toes.

How it will work.....

We will have purchased approximately 30 lovely Australian plants from various nurseries on which to try your luck. Each plant will have a receptacle into which identifying numbered voting slips for the corresponding plant may be placed.

Each person will be registered and given an identifying number. You will receive 20 voting slips with your identification number and space to write how much you would be willing to pay for a particular plant. You will be invited to place each of your 20 slips in the corresponding receptacles beside each plant you would like to purchase. We suggest that your nominated amount could be anything from \$1 upwards.

There may be just a few plants that you really want to win. You could put quite a few of your voting slips in one bucket, or not be fussed, and distribute your voting slips amongst the 30 buckets in any way you wish.

Lots will be drawn from the accumulated voting slips for each plant. The lucky winner gets to purchase the plant for the amount they have nominated on their slip. All payments will be collected at the conclusion of the silent auction, either by cash or you can make a direct deposit to the APS Wangaratta account:

To: Bendigo Bank

Account Name: Australian Plants Society Wangaratta

BSB: 633000 Account Number 122 784 283

Please add your identity - Surname & 'Silent Auction'

To ensure that everyone gets an equal chance, once a member has drawn a winner, they will not be included in subsequent draws until everyone who has made a bid has drawn a winner. There will also be consolation prizes for those who don't draw a winner. And swapping of plants among ourselves is always an option.

From your Editor.

Please consider writing an article or sending some interesting photos to me. Short or long, every contribution adds to this Newsletter's interest and relevance to our Club. Our Newsletter belongs to all of us! Please give me a ring or text or email if you would like to discuss an idea. Thank you all! helenvanriet@bigpond.com 04 0102 1448

AUSTRALIAN PLANTS SOCIETY WANGARATTA INC.
NOMINATION FORM FOR OFFICE BEARERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS
2024 – 2025

POSITION - (Please circle) President Vice President Secretary Treasurer Membership Officer Newsletter Editor APS Victoria Representative Committee Member
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I nominate (Name of person being nominated)

Name & signature of proposer

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Name & signature of Seconder

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Signature of person being nominated Date

Nomination forms to be returned to the Secretary before 7pm on 22/8/24.

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Isobel's Dyeing Day at Helen & John's

Happy snaps from Gillian Anderson & Helen van Riet.

What a fantastic day we had! Another new skill to add to our quiver!



Hanging our skeins of coloured wool up to dry.



simmering, simmering.....



And later.... being crafted into a new creation!

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

It is that time of year again! Except for new members who joined since the start of 2024 , everyone's membership with APS Vic and APS Wangaratta runs out at the end of June. So you need to renew for 2024-2025 to remain an active member.

This year ***all renewals must be done online through the APS Victoria website.***

Details are as follows:

- Go to apsvic.org.au/login, fill in your username (email address), then password (membership number which is on the front of the Growing Australian envelope) and login via 'captcha'. This takes you to your membership page.
- Your name/s, address, phone number, email address will already be filled in and can be altered if need be.
- Select Single or Household, tick if you want *Australian Plants*, check that Wangaratta is selected as your district group with correct type (single, household)
- Select payment method. The easiest method to use is a credit or debit card, but payment can also be made by bank transfer. The bank transfer option needs to be followed up by paying into the APS Vic bank.
- If you use a credit/debit card for payment a confirmation screen will appear after a minute or so, and a receipt will be emailed to you
- There is no logout button so I suggest closing your browser once you have the confirmation screen

Do not send your membership renewal money to APS Wangaratta _____. All membership money (both APS Vic and District group membership) goes to APS Vic and then they send the Wangaratta portion back to us.

If you have any questions please get in touch. I can be reached by email (wangarattamemberships@apsvic.org.au) or phone (0439 608 130).

Thanks in advance,

Linda

SHOWS, CONFERENCES, PLANT SALES AND OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

CONTRIBUTED BY NICKY ZANEN

PLEASE CHECK APS VICTORIAN WEBSITE FOR CANCELLATIONS

2024
5 September 2024 – Wimmera Biodiversity Seminar. Goroke. “Pests, Partnerships and People Power.”
7 September 2024 – APS Cardinia Regional Annual Plant Sale, Akoonah Park, Berwick from 8 am to 4 pm.
7 September 2024 – APS Mitchell Expo and Plant Sale, Wallan Multipurpose Centre, Bentinck Street, Wallan.
14 & 15 September 2024 APS Yarra Yarra Australian Plants Expo. Eltham Community and Reception Centre, 801 Main Rd, Eltham. 10am - 3pm.
21 & 22 September 2024 – APS Grampians Group Pomonal Native Flower Show, Pomonal Hall.
21 & 22 September 2024 – 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.
28 & 29 September 2022 – APS Bendigo Flower Show, Victory Christian College, Kairn Road, Strathdale, Bendigo. 9.30 am to 4.00 pm. \$5 entry, children free. Specialist native plant nurseries, books, garden accessories and more.
30 September to 4 October, 2024 – ANPSA 2024 Biennial Conference in Melbourne hosted by APS Victoria. Visit https://www.anpsa2024conference.com/ .
2 October 2024 - 3.30 pm. AJ Swaby Address by Phillip Johnson - “Connected Through Nature”. As part of the ANPSA 2024 Biennial Conference, this session is open to the public, free of charge, at The Round, Nunawading. Phillip Johnson is a Landscape Designer and 2013 Gold and Best in Show winner at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show in London. “By healing our environment, we heal ourselves at the same time”.
5 October 2024 – Echuca Moama Native Flower Showcase. Masonic Lodge Hall, 426 High Street, Echuca.
12 & 13 October 2024 - Cranbourne Friends RBGV Spring Plant Sale. 10 am to 4 pm. Wide range of plants, plant list available one week before sale. Website: rbgfrienscranbourne.org.au
19th October, 2024. – APS Ballarat Spring Flower Show, Robert Clark Horticultural Centre, Ballarat Botanical Gardens, Gillies Street, Ballarat. (Next to the Conservatory). 10am to 4pm. Native Plants for Sale.
<u>23 & 24 November 2024 – APS Wangaratta host APS Victoria Committee of Management meeting and AGM. Details to follow.</u>
2025
24 to 30 March 2025 – Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show (MIFGS), Carlton Gardens and Royal Exhibition Building. Website: https://melbflowershow.com.au .
12 April 2025 - APS Yarra Yarra Plant & Book Sale.
2 & 3 August 2025 15 th FJC Rogers Seminar 2025 on Epacridaceae hosted by APS Mornington Peninsula in the Mornington Secondary College.
16 to 24 August 2025 - A focus on banksias - title to be advised. Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne. Includes plant sales, plant walks, exhibitions and displays in the auditorium.
13 to 14 September 2025 - APS Yarra Yarra Plants Expo.
2026
24 to 28 August 2026 ANPSA 2026 Biennial Conference, in Alice Springs, organised by APS SA and APS Alice Springs. The conference theme is “Amazing Arid Australia”.

SECOND-HAND BOOKS FOR SALE

Ian Turner has provided a spreadsheet of 70 books about Australian native plants. The collection was made by his father and mother (Mervyn and Ngaire Turner). In the first instance, the books are for purchase (price indicated, but make an offer) favouring APS members.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

If you would like a copy of the listing of these books, please let me know.

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