



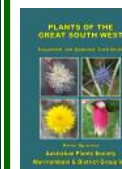
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**On Eastern Maar Country**

**EDITORIAL**

***Hello members,***

Another great newsletter this month, thank you to everyone sending through the writeups. Please keep them coming, if you haven't done anything yet, why not write about your garden, your successes and failures too, your favourite plant etc. Take a couple of photos if you can to add to it. I will do the rest.

This month will be our Annual Meeting again, don't be put off by this, we have nominations for the committee so please come along, we will get it over and done with as quickly as possible. Please note: this means our annual fees are due again, all fees will remain the same as last year. (See page 3 regarding logging on to apsvic to renew, both Vic and local fees in one go) If you have any concerns about this, please let me know.


Following this I will be our speaker, talking about my citizen science experiences. We now have the ability to log on to the internet at the hall, so I can demonstrate how to upload photos onto the I Naturalist web site. This is a lot of fun and you learn lots, you take photos of anything to do with nature and upload them onto the site. They have smart computers that most of the time will identify your photos for you or if not will give you a clue to what it is. They also have experienced people monitoring the site, so if you still don't know what it is, they will tell you. You don't have to be an expert, we are all learners! I can help you get registered and show you how to get started.

That's about it for this month, hope to see you at our Members Night on Friday 26th,  
Cheers, Kevin.

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**We acknowledge the Eastern Maar people as the traditional owners of the land on which we meet and pay our respects to their elders past and present.**

**Next Members Night: May - Friday 26th 8.00pm- AGM and Kevin Sparrow - Citizen Science**

<i>Members Activities</i>	<i>Visit to Colac &amp; Special Effects Nursery</i>
<p><b>May 26th: Mozart Hall</b> - AGM &amp; Citizen Science presentation - Kevin Sparrow</p> <p><b>June 23rd: Mozart Hall</b> - Zoom presentation by Ross Shepherd - Banksia Arboretum at Seaford.</p> <p><b>June 24th:</b> Day trip to Colac - Visit to Paul Kennedy's garden in the morning followed by a visit to Special Effects Nursey after lunch.</p> <p><b>July 27th</b> - No Members Night.</p> <p><b>July 28th:</b> Garden visit to Greg and Gail Lemmens at 14 Mountain Ash Drive, Warrnambool from 10.00am</p> <p><b>Aug 25th: Mozart Hall</b> - Speaker - Anna Sanderson - Wannon Water</p> <p><b>Sept 23/24th:</b> Weekend Trip to Bendigo TBC</p>	 <p>On Saturday 24th June, we will be visiting Colac beginning with a visit to Paul Kennedy's Garden in the morning followed by the Special Effects Native Nursery after lunch (byo) at 1.30pm.</p> <p>Owner, Mike Edwards will be giving us a guided tour of his nursery (a good chance to stock up on those special and hard to get Banksias).</p> <p>Address is: 215A Barongarook Rd, Barongarook VIC 3249</p> <p>Please put this date into your diaries. We will fine tune the times etc a bit closer to the date..</p>
<p align="center"><b>Please submit your articles for the newsletter by the end of the second week of the month</b></p>	
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<p align="center"><b>The APS Warrnambool &amp; District holds meetings on the 4th Friday of each month at the Mozart Hall Warrnambool at 8pm.</b></p>	
<p>APS Warrnambool &amp; District is a District Group of the Australian Plants Society (Vic) All members are required to also be a member of APS Vic.</p>	
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## Committee Notes

### *Membership Renewals are Now Available Online and Due 1st July 2023*

**Membership Renewals Are Now Online** Go to <https://apsvic.org.au/membership/> and follow the instructions.

*In future, all APS Memberships both new members and renewals will be processed through the central online office of APS Victoria. All fees, both **APS Vic and our local District Group fees**, should be paid to this online address. The APS Warrnambool part will be returned to our bank by direct deposit. Memberships are due on 1st July 2023.*

Go to [apsvic.org.au/membership](https://apsvic.org.au/membership) and follow the instructions.

**Important:** *Keep your yellow Growing Australian envelope - when renewing your membership you will need your membership number that is printed on the front.*

*If you do not have internet access, please contact your Membership Officer, Kevin Sparrow or John Sherwood, or contact the APS Vic Membership Officer Marj Seaton on (03)9570 6293.*

There will also be a printed membership form in the June Growing Australian. It is for use only by lone members who cannot do their renewal online (they have no DG membership officer to do it for them)

**ED: If you have any problems, please let me know.**



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### **Garden Visit Saturday July 28th 10.00am**

Garden Visit: **July 28th:** visit to Greg and Gail Lemmens at 14 Mountain Ash Drive, Warrnambool from 10.00am

Greg and Gail will set up the garage for cuppa and cakes. (bring along something to share)

Following this, people could wander down the river and view the new planting along the walking trail, and look at the new canoe launching pontoon the council has installed near Platypus Park.



## *Workshopping The Socks By Sue Blood*

After the APS talk on Ecodyeing, Joyce, Joan and Anita ventured out to Illowa and played with Eucalyptus leaves and woollen socks. It was a lot of fun. I was left to monitor the times and was obviously remiss in keeping track of the time.





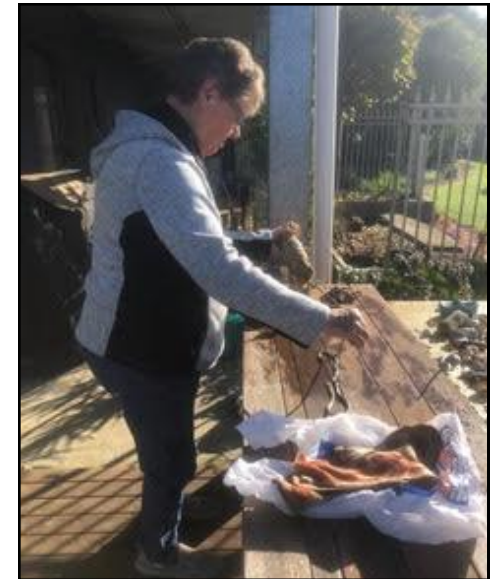
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### Workshopping The Socks By Sue Blood - Page 3

They returned the following day to unwrap their bundles - and I was disappointed because the strong, bright colours were lacking. I offered them a return try (at no extra cost!) and Joan and Joyce have returned and thank goodness the results were positive. They both tried different patterns and the results are excellent. Joyce intertwined leaves that would return red and green and Joan used only the long thin leaves of *Eucalyptus nichollii*. I will try both their techniques in the future. Anita has yet to return and perfect her results. A good time was had by all.



### Display Table By Linda Handscombe.

Still in autumn but with winter rapidly approaching, it seems that the Correa season has suddenly hit. At our May meeting Kevin brought many specimens including a selection of beautiful Correas with a cutting grown specimen of *Correa reflexa* (below left) taken from the Dunkeld Tourist Information Centre taking first prize. The stunningly large and vibrant red flowers were beacons. Kevin didn't know if it was a species or a cultivar but thought it might have originated in the Grampians. David brought the piece home to try and harvest some cuttings. We have 3 plants that I recently planted along our driveway that were also struck from the DTIC but I'm not sure if it was the same plant. Kevin also brought a piece of *Correa reflexa* 'John Amor' (below centre). *Correa reflexa* var. *reflexa* 'John Amor' is a Portland heathland Correa collected and cultivated for the nursery trade by Lorraine Deppeler quite a few years ago. John Amor made an enormous contribution to the conservation of the flora and fauna of southwest Victoria. He passed away in 2010 and the plant was named in his honour. He was also a regular volunteer at 3WAY-FM and they had one of these Correas planted in his memory in front of the building. It has since died and they are after a new plant to replace it. David and Kevin currently have cuttings in and are hoping for success. The original plants near Portland have disappeared due to development and the encroachment of sallow wattle. Kevin also brought beautiful *Correa pulchella* 'Autumn Blaze' (below right). It's a selection from the wild on Kangaroo Island. It grows .3m x 1.5m and has glossy leaves and brilliant orange flowers with strongly recurved petal tips. It is very hardy and an annual tip prune will keep it bushy.





Ross brought a very striking *Callistemon* 'Mauve Mist'. Originally from Ewan at Codrington Nursery as tiny plants in a hiko tray, it's one of 22 others that survived from the tray of seconds. All are doing well dotted around the garden and along the front fence. They're nice rounded shrubs 2m x 1.5m with heaps of beautiful purplish flowers

Ross also brought *Acacia beckleri*. When I worked in the wholesale nursery in Pomonal my boss wanted to grow the magnificent and truly iconic *Acacia beckleri* for its bright yellow and enormous flowers. They are truly the best wattle for cut flowers with individual flowers almost as big as a *Pycnosorus* [up to 15mm wide]. She bought in seed and grew heaps that she sold and we planted some in Pomonal but got this wattle that Ross brought in. It's a very attractive creamy yellow and very fragrant wattle with medium sized balls so disappointing but lovely at the same time. It lasts well in a vase and isn't frost tender like the bright yellow *beckleri* is.

Greg brought in a very lovely flower from his *Banksia seminuda* (photo right). It was planted many years ago and is now 6m high but could possibly grow to 25m. Known as the River Banksia, it flowers in late summer to late winter with yellow but occasionally red flowers that are up to 200mm long and 70mm wide. The timber is also used for woodworking. It's a fast growing and adaptable *Banksia* tolerating frosts and dry periods. Our *Banksia seminuda* up the back of our 6 acres has flowers half the size of Greg's so he has generously shared some cones with us. Hopefully we'll be able to grow some as spectacular.



Annette brought in another *Correa*! Hooray! *Correa* 'Coastal Pink' is a relatively new release of *Correa alba* so should be well suited to our coastal environment. In fact the label says OzBreed's *Correa* 'Coastal Pink' is "a shrub that copes well with coastal winds!" Pinker than other 'pink' *albas*, it has a strong growth habit to 2m x 2m and is reported to be very hardy to drought, frost and most soil types. Annette found her *Correa* 'Coastal Pink' in Bunnings.

David brought in several specimens including *Correa lawrenciana* var. *cordifolia*. *Cordifolia* means heart shaped leaves and the leaves are certainly a feature. They are broad, ovate or nearly heart shaped 70mm x 40mm, smooth on top and velvety below. The flowers may be yellow or pink and have distinctive cup shaped calyxes. It can grow to 2m and is a good background plant enjoying shade or part shade. Our plant looks very striking behind the shed against the dark blue water tank. One of its cultivars is called *Correa* 'Christmas in July' for obvious reasons.

David also brought *Hakea* 'Stockdale Sensation' (photo left). If you can only have one *Hakea* then this should be the one. Initially grown by the delightful Max Ewer it is now sold by Native Plant Wholesalers in Mt Gambier. Believed to be a hybrid between *Hakea laurina* and *Hakea petiolaris* it grows 2-3m high x 2m wide, and it begins flowering in late autumn and into winter with cream pincushion flowers ageing pink to red. It has a nice weeping habit and is tolerant of many soil types and conditions.



## Plant Profile by Dave Handscombe - *Correa alba*

**Species:** *Correa alba*

**Correa:** Named after the Portuguese ambassador and botanist Jose Correia de Serra.

**alba:** Meaning white

**Common Name:** White Correa.

**Variants:** There are three variants of *Correa alba*.

*Correa alba* var *alba*

*Correa alba* var *pannosa*

*Correa alba* var *rotundifolia*

**Family:** Rutaceae

**Dimensions:** Height: variable 1.5 metres, width 1.5 metres.

Registered cultivars on the ACRA site are *Correa alba* 'Blush', *Correa alba* "Starlight" and *Correa alba* 'Western Pink Star'. There are 2 Plant Breeders Rights current as accepted, *Correa alba* Star Showers and *Correa alba* Coastal Pink.

*Correa alba* var *alba* occurs from Newcastle in NSW along the east coast through to Cape Otway in Victoria. *Correa alba* var *pannosa* occurs from Victor Harbor in SA through to Port Campbell in Vic. *Correa alba* var *rotundifolia* is endemic to the south east coast of Tasmania.





## Plant Profile by Dave Handscombe

*Correa alba* is a very adaptable species that will grow in alkaline as well as acidic soils as long as they are well drained. It will grow in partial shade but will flower more profusely in full sun. It is frost hardy, drought tolerant and withstands salt spray making it useful for first line coastal planting. Flower colour is usually white but pink colour forms do exist, for example the cultivar *Correa alba* 'Western Pink Star' which was registered by members of the Warrnambool APS group.

Propagation is relatively easy from cuttings and there are many cultivars (although not officially registered) in the nursery trade.



### Photo Captions

Photo 1: *Correa alba* var *pannosa* - Murnanes Bay.

Photo 2: *Correa alba* var *pannosa* 'Western Pink Star'.

Photo 3: *Correa alba* var *pannosa* - Murnanes Bay.

Photo 4: *Correa alba* var *pannosa* - Western Pink Star'.

Photo 5: *Correa alba* var *pannosa* - Warrnambool Gun Club.

Photo 6-9: *Correa alba* var *pannosa* - Western Pink Star'.





## ANPSA Biennial Conference 2024 - Melbourne



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<https://apsvic.org.au/anpsa-biennial-conference-2024/>  
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To register your interest go to:

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A promotional video can be viewed at: <https://youtu.be/8ApdryKIIwA>

Read most recent news & information in the March 2023 “Gardens for Life” newsletter:

<https://apsvic.org.au/documents/ANPSA/2024/ANPSA%202024%20Newsletter%2020230301.pdf>

## *SHOWS, CONFERENCES, PLANT SALES AND OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST 2023*

13 May 2023 – APS Melton and Bacchus Marsh Plant Sale. 9am to 1pm.

The venue is expected to be St Andrews Uniting Church at Bacchus Marsh, to be confirmed.

3 June 2023 – APS Victoria Committee of Management Meeting at 10am at Deep Creek Reserve Function Room, 62 Cameron Way, Pakenham.

24 & 25 June 2023 – APS Ballarat Winter Flower Show. Flower show, plant sales etc. Robert Clark Centre, Ballarat Botanic Gardens, Gilles Street, Ballarat. 10 am – 4 pm.

22 & 23 July 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](http://rbgfrienscranbourne.org.au)

2 September 2023 – APS Cardinia Region Group Plant Sale at Akoonah Park, Princes Hwy, Berwick, from 9 am to 3 pm. To be located in the undercover fruit and vegetable market area.

9 & 10 September 2023 - APS Yarra Yarra Australian Plants Expo, Eltham Community & Reception Centre, 801 Main Road Eltham. 10.00 am - 4.00 pm both days.

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.



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.



## SHOWS, CONFERENCES, PLANT SALES AND OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST 2023

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.

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Overseas – United Kingdom

3 – 9 July 2023 - The Australasian Plant Society based in the UK is putting on a joint display with the Hebe Society in the Floral Marquee at the 2023 RHS Hampton Court Flower Festival, on the theme of 'Australasian plants for a Changing Climate.'