



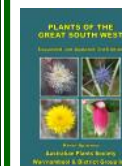
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**On Eastern Maar Country**

**EDITORIAL**

**Hello members,**

I hope you are all surviving the cold weather now that winter is finally here. Some of our plants are struggling a bit with this soaking rain, especially ones that come from the more arid areas of Australia.

Our speaker this month on Friday 23rd will be by Zoom from the Mozart Hall, Ross Shepherd will be telling us about the Banksia Arboretum he has established at Seaford. We haven't done this before so fingers crossed it will all work on the night. He will start speaking promptly at 8.10pm so make sure you are not late.

On Saturday 24th June, we will be visiting Colac beginning with a visit to Paul Kennedy's Garden in the morning and followed by the Special Effects Native Nursery after lunch (byo) at 1.30pm. See page 3 for times and addresses etc. This should be a great day full of activities.

Don't forget that our memberships are due at the end of the month, this can be paid online this year with your credit card. See how to do this on page 4, **you should have received your 'Growing Australian' newsletter this week, your membership number can be found on the front of the envelope.** You will need this number as the password to log on to make your payment. Make payment for both APS Vic and APS Warrnambool, the local subs will be returned to us by direct deposit. We have paid ours and it worked fine, let me know if you have any problems.

That's about it for this month, hope to see you at our Members Night on Friday 23rd, 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 23rd 8.00pm on Zoom- Ross Shepherd - Banksia Arboretum at Seaford**

### Members Activities

**June 23rd: Mozart Hall** - Zoom presentation by Ross Shepherd - Banksia Arboretum at Seaford.



**June 24th:** Day trip to Colac - Visit to Paul Kennedy's garden in the morning followed by a visit to Special Effects Nursey after lunch.

**June 26th:** Committee Meeting 2.00pm - Handscombe, 7 Settlers Lane, Illowa.

**July 28th** - No Members Night.

**July 29th:** Garden visit to Greg and Gail Lemmens at 14 Mountain Ash Drive, Warrnambool from 10.00am

**August 25th: Mozart Hall** - Speaker - Anna Sanderson - Wannon Water

**August 29th:** Committee Meeting 2.00pm

### Members Activities

**September 23/24th:** Trip to Bendigo to the Bendigo Flower Show, the Goldfields Revegetation Nursery and to Marilyn Sprague's garden. Also a visit to the Whipstick forest area if there is time.



**October Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Meeting 11.00 to 3.00 pm**  
Giant Plant Table at Mozart Hall.

**November Friday 24<sup>th</sup>:** Dillon from Worn Gundidj Nursery presenting about Bush Tucker Plants. TBC

**November Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> :** Garden visit to Michael & Elizabeth Halls' garden from 10.00am, then on to Anita Carlsson's garden at 11.30am.

**December:** Christmas Breakup TBD

**Please submit your articles for the newsletter by the end of the second week of the month**

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**Other Committee Members:** Linda Handscombe, Ross Dawson, Peter Robertson, Brian Waters.

**The APS Warrnambool & District holds meetings on the 4th Friday of each month at the Mozart Hall Warrnambool at 8pm.**

APS Warrnambool & District is a District Group of the Australian Plants Society (Vic)

All members are required to also be a member of APS Vic.

*Arrangements For Visit To Colac On Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June.*



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We will be 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.

Leave Warrnambool at about 8.30 am. Time to Paul Kennedy's garden is about one hour, twenty minutes.

**Address: 210 Aireys Street, Elliminyt.** Plan to arrive at or before 10.00 am.

Morning tea. Hot water supplied by Paul. Members to bring Mugs, coffee, tea, milk and biscuits.

Lunch at the Botanic Gardens, about 10 minutes from Paul's garden.

Members to bring own lunch, chairs, etc.

After lunch travel 20 minutes to the Special Effects Nursery hosted by owner, Mike Edwards at about 1.30 pm.

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).

**Address 215A Barongarook Road. Barongarook VIC 3249**



## 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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### **This Years Garden Visits**

**Saturday July 29th:** 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.

**Saturday 25th November:** visit to Mike and Liz Halls garden at 127 Rooneys Road, Warrnambool from 10.00am.

This will be followed by a visit to Anita Carlsson's garden at 4 Tarhook Road, Warrnambool from 11.30am.

## *Presidents Report 2022/23 By David Handscombe*

I present to you our year in review. The committee has tried to find interesting presenters and activities for members but it should be remembered that our job could be made so much easier with input from other members of the group. So if you have ideas on presentations don't be backward in coming forward and letting one of the committee members know.

**May** – The formalities of our AGM were promptly dealt with followed by our regular meeting with a presentation by Lachie Farrington, principal ecologist with Nature Glenelg Trust who spoke to us on the successes and progress in protecting the environment that the Trust has achieved over the ten years since they formed. Initially concentrating on wetland restoration they have since expanded their work to include feral animal control in landscapes to enhance native fauna survival.

**June** saw APS Victoria vice president Miriam Ford return to our group to give a presentation on the Genus *Prostanthera*. After missing out on visiting some of the Gardens when we hosted the first post lock down quarterly, she was keen to take the opportunity to catch up and do some filming of Swan Reserve, Sue and Ross's and the Handscombe gardens for APS YouTube channel.

**July** – Instead of the usual monthly evening get together several members of the group made the pilgrimage to Horsham to be the guests of the Wimmera group. On Saturday we visited a foggy and wet Mt Arapiles and the Little Desert and the church garden that Graham and Maree have been establishing in Horsham. On Sunday we visited a number of the Wimmera members gardens, Vern and Pam Hallam's and Graham and Maree Goods's young gardens followed by Gary and Bev Aitken's and Royce and Jeanne Raleigh's established gardens. We saw many fabulous plants out in the bush as well as some wonderful gardens.

**Aug** – Jenny Emeny presented on some of the flora and fauna that she has observed in some of the stock exclusion areas on the family property along the Hopkins River and Mt Emu Creek.

**Sept** – John Miller gave us an informative talk on the role of the Friends of Wyperfield, of which he is the current leader, in resurrecting and updating the pressed botany collection of Cliff Beauglehole. John and the rest the Friends group are working to supplement the collection with more specimens that are now known to occur within the Park.

**Oct** – Geoff Lay gave a presentation on the Gunbarrel Highway, which I unfortunately missed.

**Nov** – We tried something new, with a giant plant table, where members brought in and spoke about specimens from their gardens. Many fabulous plants were on presentation and those members that were willing to give propagation a go took home lots of cutting material.

**Jan** – We visited the Koroit Rail Trail gardens at the old Koroit railway station with Mike giving us a rundown of the history of the gardens and how they are managed. This was followed by group lunch at the Noodledoof microbrewery.

**Feb** – Donna Koik gave us a presentation on heart health covering what warning signs to look out for if your heart is in poor condition and what to do if you suspect you may be having a heart attack.

**Mar** – John Sherwood gave us a presentation on his trip to Fraser Island and despite some technical glitches John was still able to give the group an interesting and informative talk.

**Apr** – The last meeting of the year was a presentation by Sue Blood on eco dyeing where she explained the trial and error of trying to get the desired colour from various plants from the garden. This was followed up by a practical hands on demonstration on the Saturday.

#### **What have been the achievements of the year.**

A small team made up of Peter Robertson and Ross Dawson led the design and printing of a new brochure for our group.

We set up a display at the Warrnambool City Council Volunteer Expo to raise our profile within the community and hopefully get some new members. Our stand featured an excellent display of flowers, which showcased the potential of using native plants in the garden. This was complemented with large posies by Linda Handscombe.

Warrnambool City Council asked our group to provide large display posies and smaller gift posies at the Senior Citizen of the Year awards. Joyce Sparrow and Linda Handscombe assembled the posies from flowers from member's gardens.

Correa 'Granny's Grave' – We have been working with Warrnambool City Council staff to try and secure the long term conservation of Correa reflexa 'Granny's Grave'. A plan of action was agreed upon and we are currently waiting on approvals to collect propagation material to increase the number of plants at the Grannies Grave site and establish an ex-situ population at the botanic gardens.

I hope you have enjoyed the program the committee organised for the past year and would encourage you all to provide feedback on how we can make the coming year even better. If you have any suggestions for topics then let us know and I would also encourage you to consider coming onto the committee to help run the group.

Lastly I would like to thank all of the office bearers and committee members for their support over the last twelve months.

## Display Table By Linda Handscombe.

We had lots of stunning specimens at the May meeting.

Kevin started us off with *Eremophila waitii*. He bought the parent plant at the Geelong Plant Sale and has found it hard to propagate. It is named after Eremophila enthusiast Russell Waite and is found in a small area of central Western Australia. It is of medium size with purple flowers and silky soft grey foliage.

Kevin also brought a *Correa lawrenciana* var *latrobeana* grown by Pat Varley. It occurs in remnant pockets of eastern Victoria and the Southern Tablelands of NSW. It is the most variable of the lawrenciana varieties growing from a medium shrub to a small tree of 5m. It has a distinct rusty, hairy, cup shaped calyx up to 7mm in size with wavy margins or small linear lobes. It is useful as an understory plant and flowers can be greenish yellow to reddish mauve.

Kevin has replaced his deceased but memorable *Banksia prionotes* in his front garden with a *Hakea francisiana* [photo right]. Usually hard to propagate, this one was easy so he suspects it might be a hybrid. *Hakea francisiana* is a large shrub usually 2-5m x 2-4m. It's useful for birds, bees and butterflies and as a cut flower.

Michael Mattner once again brought a lovely selection of which several were Banksias. He showed us the intriguing *Banksia candolleana* [Propeller Banksia]. It's endemic to Western Australia with showy green, deeply serrated leaves and a lignotuber. It is slow growing and many take 10 years to flower from seed. It likes well drained soil and does not like humidity. Michael also brought *Banksia conferta* [photo left]. It's endemic to eastern Australia. It has rough bark and crowded, yellow flowers in a cylindrical spike. It grows to a tall shrub or a small tree and does well along the coast.

Bob and Mike both brought a sample of *Grevillea* 'Ned Kelly'. Bob's is .85m x .70m so far and is in full sun but will possibly grow to 1.5m - 2m x 2.5m - 3m. It has large orange red racemes of flowers that occur throughout the year. It originated in the Kentlyn NSW Australian Plant Nursery in the 1970's from a *Grevillea banksii* and an upright form of *Grevillea bipinnatifida*.



Bob also brought *Banksia integrifolia* 'Roller Coaster'. It's a prostrate Banksia with attractive green foliage in whorls with silvery undersides and yellow flowers. It is vigorous and cascading .4m x 3-4m. It is a great habitat plant for birds, insects and lizards. We've seen one grafted as a standard and it looked sensational. We think it was in Hamilton last year on our excursion.

Bob's prostrate form of *Templetonia retusa* was intriguing. It's a striking plant with grey, green foliage and orange red pea flowers. Commonly known as 'Cockies Tongues' it grows in south west Western Australia and South Australia. It attracts nectar eating birds and native butterflies.

Mike brought an old favourite. *Grevillea* 'Peaches and Cream'! It's a spreading medium sized shrub 1.5m – 2m x 2m. It flowers for ages and is very adaptable to soil and climate types. Soft yellow flowers age to pink and orange. It's a cross between *Grevillea banksii* and *Grevillea bipinnatifida*. It's easy to grow from cuttings but unfortunately we can't sell it because of PBR.

Dave brought several specimens too. A highlight was *Epacris reclinata* [photo right] that is endemic to eastern NSW. It grows to 60cm. It occurs in moist protected locations amongst rocks and that is exactly where we saw it in the Blue Mountains last month. Since our plant has been flowering this year, it has



attracted 2 eastern spinebills to our delight.

Dave also brought *Ptilotus obovatus* [photos left] or 'Cotton Bush'. It is a small perennial shrub to 1m. The stems and foliage are white and furry due to a dense felty covering of fine hairs. These give the plant a silvery appearance. It has white and pink flowers and occurs throughout arid Australia. We have 2 living on the sloping garden at the front of our house and they are rarely without flowers. Unfortunately we haven't been able to propagate them. [Yet!]





## Plant Profile by Dave Handscombe - *Hakea clavata*

**Species:** *Hakea clavata*

**Hakea:** Named after Baron Christian Ludwig von Hake, a patron of botany in the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

**clavata:** from the Latin clavatus meaning club-shaped, referring to the leaves.

**Common Name:** Coastal Hakea.

**Family:** Proteaceae

**Dimensions:** Height: up to 1.5 to 2 metres, width up to 2.5 metres.



There are no registered cultivars on the ACRA site and no Plant Breeders Rights current.

*Hakea clavata* occurs in the south west of WA from Israelite Bay in the west to Esperance in the east and up to 100 km inland with an additional isolated population near Hopetoun.

Found in granite country in its natural range, *Hakea clavata* is quite tolerant of other well-drained soils as long as they aren't alkaline. It will tolerate salt laden winds and moderate frosts making it ideal for coastal areas and will happily grow in full sun to partial shade. The leaves of *Hakea clavata* are quite thick, giving it the appearance of a succulent, and have a needle sharp point. The pale pink and white flowers are quite fragrant and attract both insects and birds and in our garden were favoured by Eastern Spinebills. Possessing a lignotuber *Hakea clavata* can be pruned heavily if needed but a slow growth rate will mean that hard pruning will not be needed for quite a while. Propagate from seed (seed pods open as soon as the seed is mature so bagging of the pods may be necessary to collect the seed) or cuttings, which strike readily.





**Photo Captions:**

Photo 1: *Hakea clavata* in full flower.  
Photo 2: Not all plants flower profusely.

Photo 3-4: Some of the variations in flower colour.

Photo 5: Different stages of the development of the inflorescence.

Photo 6: A closer view of the inflorescence.

Photo 7: The needle like point on the leaves gives an indication of how prickly *Hakea clavata* is.



## *Coastal Connections by Jarred Obst.*

Hello everyone and welcome to the autumn edition of Glenelg Hopkins CMA's '**Coastal Connections**' email.

Although it feels like we are well into winter – yes it is still autumn... I hope this finds you dry, warm and well!

### **Seasonal Weather**

What a fantastic autumn break! After our region was treated to some exceptional late spring rainfall in 2022, our catchments are once again looking fantastic following one of the best autumn rainfall periods for some time. The rainfall tap turned on at Easter, and since this period a relatively consistent cycle of rain bearing cold fronts have delivered wet conditions across our coastal region. This includes some regions recording rainfall totals over 100mm during April, and a further 50mm+ for the first half of May. Further fronts are also expected in the short term, particularly Thursday this week, potentially consolidating the current wet snap. Looking ahead to winter however, the BoM remain in El Nino watch and are forecasting very different weather patterns, with relatively warm and dry conditions during June to August predicted; time will tell...!

*For further details on recent conditions, along with upcoming weather predictions, please refer to the following [BoM Update](#).*

### **Estuary Update**

Excellent autumn rainfall, combined with very wet conditions in late 2022 and mild summer conditions in 2023, have produced one of the earliest starts to our streamflow season that I've probably seen in my 15+ years at the CMA. Following widespread catchment rainfall on Good Friday, freshwater inflows were recorded into all our regions estuaries, which in comparative terms, is not generally observed until mid to late June! This has had a highly positive impact on our regions estuaries, particularly water quality conditions and the replenishment of highly oxygenated water, and has also led to several natural estuary mouth openings. The early onset of these flows has also meant the localised flooding of low-lying public land around our estuary mouths which is typically expected in April and May has been minimal, as the sandbars at our estuary mouths which generally form during dryer summer and autumn periods through tide, wind and swell processes have had less time to develop and grow.

*For more information on our regions estuaries please refer to the [Estuary Update](#) and [Estuary Photo](#) attachments.*

### **Community Information & News**

Please check out the following links and attachments if you're interested to stay in touch with some local and regional events and information:

- *Successful Boat Launch Funding* – the CMA has recently partnered with Parks Victoria and the Fitzroy Estuary CoM to secure funding from Better Boating Victoria to upgrade two floating jetties on the Glenelg and Fitzroy estuaries (see attachment).

*Celebrating 30 years of EstuaryWatch* – This statewide Citizen Science program recently celebrated 30 years & included some well-deserved recognition of our fantastic EstuaryWatch volunteers on the Hopkins and Merri estuaries.

*Fitzroy Beach Clean Up event* – The CMA teamed up with the Beach Patrol crew at the Fitzroy estuary and removed 119 kilograms of rubbish from the beach and waterway!

Glenelg Hopkins CMA Newsletter – Read about other CMA news through our latest region-wide newsletter, including an educational outing with Timboon Agricultural college students.

National Marine NRM News – Read about National Marine and Coastal news from the OceanWatch monthly newsletter.

Lastly, recent wet weather has provided ideal conditions for an early start to our 2023 revegetation season, so if you're keen to embrace the opportunity please feel free to join the CMA and the Warrnambool Coastcare/Landcare Network for a **Community Planting Day along the Hopkins River estuary on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June**. The site is located within the Deakin University grounds, and we'll be kicking off at 10am. Please refer to the attached flyer for details, or for more information contact myself or Steve Ryan on [s.ryan@ghcma.vic.gov.au](mailto:s.ryan@ghcma.vic.gov.au) or 0438 625 963.

Thanks everyone & all the best until my next instalment,  
Regards  
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# Hopkins River Trees for Fish planting day



Join Glenelg Hopkins CMA and the Warrnambool Coastcare Landcare group at the community tree planting

**Saturday June 17**

10am - 12.30pm

Deakin University  
Warrnambool Campus  
Meet at the old Golf Course car park

BYO: Wet weather gear, sturdy footwear, gloves and water

For more information contact Steve Ryan:  
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## ANPSA Biennial Conference 2024 - Melbourne



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<https://apsvic.org.au/anpsa-biennial-conference-2024/>  
“Gardens for Life”

Hosted by Australian Plants Society Victoria 30th Sep – 4th Oct 2024

Held at the Melbourne Conference and Exhibition Centre, the conference topics include:  
Gardens for Wildlife and Habitat,  
Restoration and Revegetation of Wetlands, Grasslands and Verges,  
Care for the Rare, Insects and Biodiversity, Garden Design,  
Indigenous Food Plants and many more.

Tours before and after will go to Victoria’s best wildflower areas and day excursions will feature new botanic gardens, private gardens and wild areas.

To register your interest go to:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeseytb9Z872EABLHpeWypQ\\_rqiEGfmbqDA-jG9PRYKhgUPFA/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeseytb9Z872EABLHpeWypQ_rqiEGfmbqDA-jG9PRYKhgUPFA/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0)

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

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.

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.

21 & 22 October 2023 - APS Ballarat Spring Flower Show. Flower show, plant sales etc. Robert Clark Centre, Ballarat Botanic Gardens, Gilles Street, Ballarat. 10 am – 4 pm.

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30 September to 4 October, 2024 – ANPSA 2024 Biennial Conference in Melbourne hosted by APS Victoria.