



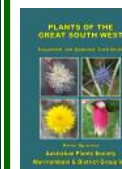
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**On Eastern Maar Country**

**EDITORIAL**

**Hello members,**

**Memberships are due now:** Thank you to everyone who has renewed their membership through the APS Vic Website. Despite a couple of early hic ups, the system seems to be coping quite well. If you have not yet renewed and are unsure about doing it, give me a ring and I can talk you through it.

**NOTE: There is no Members Night this month instead we have on:**

**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 a plate of something to share for morning tea)  
 Following a walk around the garden, people could wander down along 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.

John has been able to secure us a **Bunnings BBQ fundraiser** on Sunday 15th October, we need members to help out on the day. Please contact John Sherwood on 0437 508 229 if you can assist.

We have a group **Spring Excursion** on the weekend of Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th September - see page 3 for details from our president, Dave Handscombe.

That's about it for this month, hope to see you at Greg and Gail's on Saturday 29th, 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: July - Friday 28th - No Members Night This Month.**

<i>Members Activities</i>	<i>Members Activities</i>
<p><b>July Friday 28th</b> - No Members Night.</p> <p><b>July Saturday 29th:</b> Garden visit to Greg and Gail Lemmens at 14 Mountain Ash Drive, Warrnambool from 10.00am</p> <p><b>August Monday 1st:</b> Committee Meeting at Halls 2.00pm.</p> <p><b>August Friday 25th: Mozart Hall</b> - Speaker - Anna Sanderson - Wannan Water</p> <p><b>August Monday 29th:</b> Committee Meeting 2.00pm</p> <p><b>September Friday/Sat/Sunday 23/24th:</b> 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.</p> 	<p><b>October Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Meeting 11.00 to 3.00 pm</b> Giant Plant Table at Mozart Hall.</p> <p><b>November Friday 24<sup>th</sup>:</b> Dillon from Worn Gundidj Nursery presenting about Bush Tucker Plants. TBC</p> <p><b>November Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> :</b> Garden visit to Michael &amp; Elizabeth Halls' garden from 10.00am, then on to Anita Carlsson's garden at 11.30am.</p> <p><b>December:</b> Christmas Breakup: Visit to the Kurri Kurri Co-Op bush block at Couches Road, Nullawarre North.</p>
<p><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><b>The APS Warrnambool &amp; District holds meetings on the 4th Friday of each month at the Mozart Hall Warrnambool at 8pm.</b></p>	
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## Spring Excursion To Bendigo - Saturday 23rd - Sunday 24th September

Hello everyone,

As part of our yearly program we like to include a trip away to another district. This year we plan to head to Bendigo to visit the Bendigo APS groups annual flower show. We will visit the flower show on the morning of Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September, meeting at the venue, Victory Christian College, 6 Kairn Rd, Strathdale at 9:30 am. Entry is \$5:00. In the afternoon we'll be visiting Marilyn Sprague's amazing garden at 105 Dysons Rd Mandurang. She specializes in natives as cut flowers and has a large collection of grafted Verticordias. She also has a small nursery. She charges \$10 per head for her tours that are very informative.



On Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> we'll be meeting at the Goldfields Revegetation Nursery at 230 Tannery Lane, Mandurang. It opens at 10.00 am. He has a huge array of natives in tubes plus larger stock as well. On Sunday afternoon we plan to visit some local bushland, location yet to be decided.



Linda and I have already booked our accommodation and would recommend you book early as it's school holiday time. If you intend to go then let us know so we can book a venue for a meal for Saturday dinner.

Just a reminder of some of the accommodation options for the centre of Bendigo, City Centre Motel (\$165 night). Other options in that area are the Barklay on View (\$177.50/night) or the Oval Motel (\$184/night). You will need to book for Friday and Saturday nights (and Sunday too if you don't wish to drive home Sunday night)

Hope to see you there, all the best, Dave

Brrr, it was a cold and wet June but the Mozart Hall was warm and cosy for our meeting. A few members found some lovely specimens in their gardens to show us. Mike kicked it off with a few including a lovely pair of *Hardenbergia violacea* - photo right. Mike bought a dual pot that included both white and purple flowers and they're looking fabulous growing up the fence with the white one flowering earlier than the purple. Originating along nearly the entire east coast and around to South Australia and down to Tasmania, the Purple Coral Pea is a variable species growing as a vigorous climber, trailer or small shrub. From sea level to mountainous areas they cope with most soil types. Propagation is from seed or cuttings although we have never had success with cuttings. We have a lovely low bush like pink *Hardenbergia* in our garden that we bought from Bunnings in a \$3 tube.

Mike also brought an *Isopogon formosus* or Rose Coneflower - photo right lower. It's a small to medium shrub from southwest Western Australia. Mike's is 6ft x 6ft which is the largest I've ever heard of. It's the hardiest of the Western Australian *Isopogons* but is still very striking with its pinky purple mop top flowers, It's a great cut flower too. It likes well drained soil and dappled shade. Tip pruning encourages lateral growth and this produces more flowers. It is easy to strike from cuttings.

Ross was going for a pea theme. His first was a *Gastrolobium celsianum* [previously *Brachysema lanceolata*] from Western Australia. He purchased it from Codrington Nursery and it grows atop a mound where it flowers constantly. The Swan River Pea is a variable shrub .5-1.5m x 1-3m. It has red pea flowers and is a widely cultivated ornamental species. It is tolerant of a wide range of soils and conditions doing best in a well drained position. It has an excellent supply of bird attracting nectar and apparently does well under large established Eucalypts.

Ross also brought a piece of *Hakea nodosa* the Yellow Hakea. Coming from Victoria, Tasmania and South Australia it is a small to medium shrub. Widespread and common and growing in an open forest, heathland or swampy conditions in clay loams and sandy soils it seems suited to just about anywhere. We had one in Pomonal that thrived in our seasonally wet wetland area. Although underwhelming visually, it is valuable for its hardiness and adaptability. I once had to do a large floral arrangement for a Grampians tourism promotion at the Exhibition Building using only Grampians flora. I used some large pieces of *Hakea nodosa* and it was quite lovely [and fragrant].



Kevin brought quite a few specimens including a lovely *Eremophila platycalyx* - photo right. He grafted it himself and has it growing well in a tub. From southern and central Western Australia it's an upright shrub 2-3m. The flowers are white to cream and the sepals are pink and they darken with age. Kevin's pink sepals are very striking as they remain on the shrub after the petals fall. It will grow in alkaline soils so could do well in Warrnambool gardens.

Kevin also brought a stunning *Chorizema varium*. He grew it from a cutting and it flowers like crazy every year. According to Rodger Elliott's encyclopaedia, *varium* is probably a form of *ilicifolia* which has leaves similar to the genus *Ilex* [holly] hence the name Holly Flame Pea. Growing 1m x 1-3m it has amazingly colourful pea flowers. It can act as a semi climber if it is in contact with other plants. Pruning after flowering keeps it bushy with more flowers the following year.

Dave had quite a number of specimens to show including the intriguing *Grevillea maxwellii* from Western Australia where it is fairly rare. A prostrate plant reaching 2.5m wide it makes a great plant for retaining walls and raised beds where the red flowers can be best seen. It does best in a well drained soil and a sunny aspect. Dave tried grafting it onto a standard but was unfortunately unsuccessful.

He also brought in a pretty little pale pink *Chamelaucium uncinatum* seedling from the dam wall at our Pomonal property. We affectionately call it the 'Dam Cham' - photos below. Geraldton Wax generally reach 2-5m x 2-6m and occur in a wide range of sand plains north of Perth. Requiring well drained soil and full sun they are suited to dry conditions and will tolerate some alkalinity. Being one of the most valuable cut



flowers they are widely cultivated in Australia and overseas. There are many cultivars some of which have PBR [Plant Breeders Rights] and cannot be propagated or sold without a license. They are doing well for us here in Illowa where they don't suffer from frost damage as they did in Pomonal. Dave often comments that we went to Western Australia and to Geraldton [where we stayed in the worst motel] and we didn't see a single *Chamelaucium uncinatum*!

## Report on Colac Trip by Sue & Linda

On Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> of June, 6 intrepid explorers made their way to Colac. Linda, David, Dorothy, Michael, Sue and Ross visited Paul Kennedy's garden.

He has 164 Hakeas growing in his garden, with 3 or 4 tropical ones growing in his hot house. He was so knowledgeable and so willing to share it that it was a real treat. The weather gods were with us and we were able to see everything before the rain arrived.

His garden consists of sandy loam with a ph which is slightly acidic. There are a number of raised garden beds as the area has an annual rainfall of 900mm – it was very wet.

Photo below: Paul educating us all!



Above: *Hakea petiolaris* Below: *Hakea pandanicaarpa* ssp *pandanicaarpa*



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It is very difficult to choose which photos to include in this article as there were so many beautiful plants so you will just have to make do with the ones that I liked best. Much thanks to Linda who took notes as I took photos – any spelling mistakes or incorrect labeling are down to me.



**Top Left:** Paul was obviously showing us something interesting up there.

**Top Right:** *Hakea scoparia* ssp *trycherica* (I'm not sure about this ssp ) but is such a beautiful pink colour

**Bottom Left:** *Hakea obtusa* which always flowers on the old wood and has the beautiful pink inside.

**Bottom Centre:** *Hakea candolleana*

**Bottom Right:** *Hakea lehmanniana* such a beautiful colour  
As well as his Hakeas, Paul had a number of Banksias that were rather spectacular.



## Plant Profile by Dave Handscombe - *Grevillea* 'Little Robyn'

**Cultivar:** *Grevillea* 'Little Robyn'

*Grevillea* – named after Charles Greville, an algae expert and a founding member of the London Horticultural Society.

**Family:** Proteaceae

**Dimensions:** Height: up to 1.5 metres, width up to 1 metre.

This cultivar is not registered on the ACRA site and there is no Plant Breeders Rights current.

As I think this cultivar is a relatively new release I



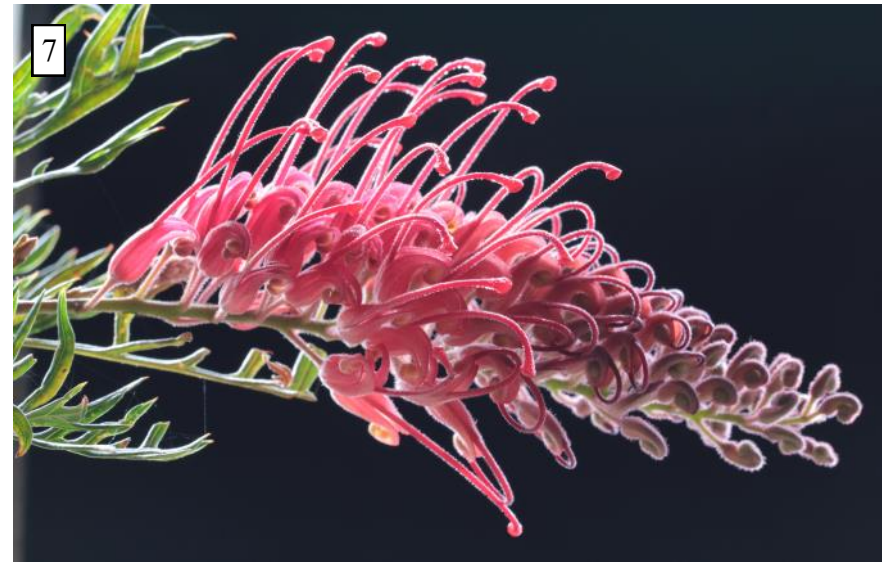
have been unable to obtain a great deal of background information pertaining to it. I will include some information on a similar *Grevillea*, *Grevillea* 'Robyn Gordon' which was introduced into cultivation by David Gordon who established the Myall Park Botanic Garden at Glenmorgan in Queensland. *Grevillea* 'Robyn Gordon' was registered with ACRA in 1973 so has been around for some time. The parentage for both plants is the same, *Grevillea banksia* (from Queensland) and *Grevillea bipinnatifida* (from Western Australia). The two cultivars look very similar with *Grevillea* 'Little Robyn' being a smaller version of 'Robyn Gordon' making it more suitable for smaller gardens.



Grevillea 'Little Robyn' is suited to sandy or well drained clay loams with a neutral to slightly acidic pH in temperate, sub-tropical or semi-arid climates. It flowers prolifically making it ideal to attract honeyeaters into the garden and can be pruned to form a hedge. Plant in an area that receives full sun to partial shade. Many of the Grevillea cultivars with sub-tropical parentage are prone to damage from Grevillea leaf miner, which can be difficult to treat, as you have to treat the infection early by spraying the undersides of the leaves with an insecticide such as Neem oil. An easier method is to prune the plant back hard to remove the infected areas; the plant should bounce back with vigorous healthy growth.



To maintain the characteristics of the cultivar, propagation has to be by cuttings, which may be difficult and slow to strike.



**Photo Captions**

Photo 1: Mature Grevillea 'Little Robyn' in the garden.

Photo 2: The flowers are large and showy.

Photo 3: The early stages of the development of the inflorescence.

Photo 4: The inflorescence continues to grow.

Photo 5: The first of the flowers starts to emerge.

Photo 6: Several flowers are now open but there are still more to come.

Photo 7: The inflorescence in all its glory.

Photo 8: A close up of the flowers.



## *Coastal Connections by Jarred Obst.*

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

It is wet, very wet - and still only June!! As with my previous edition; I hope this email continues to finds you dry, warm and well!

### **Seasonal Weather**

After a fantastic autumn break, on-going wet conditions have continued across our coastal region during the first month of winter. As a result, most areas have now received 100mm or more of rain for three consecutive months, confirming one of the earliest and consistently wettest start to our riverine flow season for many years! It has also been extremely cold and windy - often resembling late July to August conditions - even though most previous weather forecasts predicted warmer temperatures and average rainfall totals for the late autumn and winter period. Does this mean that an early end to winter rainfall and a dry spring is on the cards as forecasted by the BoM due to a El Nino alert status – very interesting months ahead!!

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

### **Estuary Update**

Autumn and early winter rainfall doesn't always arrive as hoped, often creating some extremely challenging conditions for our regions estuaries – *but not this year!* An early autumn break in April, followed up with excellent and very consistent May and June rainfall has created arguably the best streamflow season that I've experienced at this time of the year, and as a result all of our estuaries are looking fantastic and are flowing very well to the sea. This seasonal flow and flushing process is a critical component in the annual cycle of our intermittently-closed estuaries, particularly from a water quality improvement and sediment/nutrient cycling perspective, which will have immense benefits for the health of our amazing estuarine ecosystems for many months ahead!

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

### **Community Information & News**

Although cold and wet, there is much happening along our coastal region. Here are some quick links to stay in touch with some recent events and information:

*[CMA Actions & Achievements Report 2022](#)* – For 25 years Victorian CMA's have delivered land, water and biodiversity programs; learn more about statewide efforts through this annual report.

*[Glenelg Hopkins CMA Newsletter](#)* – Read about other CMA news through our latest region-wide newsletter, including the new floating kayak launch on the Merri River at Woodend Road with universal access!

## Coastal Connections by Jarred Obst.

EstuaryWatch Annual OAOC Monitoring – Our Hopkins and Merri Estuary Watch program continues to be driven by passionate and enthusiastic volunteers – follow this [link](#) if you would like to learn more or become involved in the program.

Volunteering Victoria Awards 2023 – These annual awards are now open to recognise and celebrate volunteers; please become involved and nominate fantastic volunteers from your region.

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

Lastly, I'd like to send out a big thanks to over 60 volunteers that braved the wintry weather on June 17<sup>th</sup> and revegetated 800 locally indigenous plants during the Hopkins **'Trees for Fish'** revegetation day. These plants were carefully chosen to specifically enhance essential elements for the thriving fish populations in the area, plus these works supplement previous riverbank and instream river restoration efforts in the area. I'm very happy to report too that very positive preliminary fish survey results have been found adjacent to



the site, due to a combination of increased shelter, food availability, and breeding opportunities in and around previously installed fish habitat structures. Please see attached two photos from the day, plus I'll include information on the fish survey results in a future instalment once these are finalised.

Thanks everyone & all the best until my next instalment,  
Regards Jarred

## 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,  
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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:

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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*

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.

21 & 22 October 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)

20th April 2024 - APS Yarra Yarra Autumn plant sale. Eltham Community and Reception Centre, 801 Main Rd, Eltham. 10am-4pm

14 & 15 September 2024 APS Yarra Yarra Australian Plants Expo. Eltham Community and Reception Centre, 801 Main Rd, Eltham. 10am - 4pm

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