



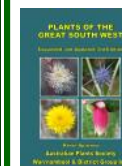
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On Eastern Maar Country

EDITORIAL

Hello members,

I hope your garden survived the near cyclonic winds that came through Warrnambool last week, we were pretty lucky and didn't lose anything, others were not so lucky. Council staff are still trying to clean up the mess around our streets.

We were saddened recently to hear of the passing of esteemed long term member, **June Preece**. June together with her late husband, Max were very popular members of APS Warrnambool (SGAP) in the past, it was always a delight to visit their native garden in Woolaston Road. In recent years, June moved to the Geelong area to be closer to her family and we lost contact with her. We pass on our condolences to her family and friends.

Warrnambool City Council have launched their "**Gardens For Wildlife**" Program. You can register for a free garden assessment or get trained as a garden advisor. See page 6 for details.

This month **we won't have our usual Members Night**, instead 14 members will be travelling to Bendigo to visit our friends from Bendigo APS. On Saturday 23rd, we will be visiting their Flower Show and Marilyn Sprague's wonderful garden at Mandurang, with a meal together on Saturday night. On Sunday we will be visiting a local bushland area and finishing up at Goldfields Revegetation Nursery at lunchtime before travelling home.


For details, times and addresses etc. see page 3.

That's about it for this month, hope to see you in October, 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 October: No Members Night This Month

<i>Members Activities</i>	<i>Members Activities</i>
<p>September 16/17th: Angair Wildflower & Art Weekend.</p> <p>September Friday/Sat/Sunday 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. Timetable page 3.</p>  <p>September 30-October 1st: Pomonal Wildflower show</p> <p>October Sunday 15th: Bunnings BBQ - Help Needed.</p> <p>October Saturday 28th Meeting 11.00 to 3.00 pm Giant Plant Table at Mozart Hall.</p> <p>November 4 - 5th: Visit by Wimmera Group. Details to come.</p> <p>November Friday 24th: Jenny Emeny speaking on the "Orchids of Tozer Reserve"</p>	<p>November Saturday 25th: Visit to two gardens - first to Joan Krygger's garden at 18 Hibiscus Avenue at 10.00 am then on to Anita Carlsson's garden at 4 Tarhook Road at 11.00am.</p> <p>December Sunday 10th: Christmas Breakup: Visit to the Kurri Kurri Co -Op bush block at Couches Road, Nullawarre North.</p>
<p>Please submit your articles for the newsletter by the end of the second week of the month</p>	
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<p>The APS Warrnambool & District holds meetings on the 4th Friday of each month at the Mozart Hall Warrnambool at 8pm.</p>	
<p>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.</p>	
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A Quick Note From The President by Dave Handscombe

September Bendigo Trip: Just a quick note to give you some information on what's happening over the next few months. We won't be having a September meeting as some of us are heading up to Bendigo over the weekend of the 23rd and 24th to have a look at the Bendigo APS plant show. The programme for the weekend will be as follows: Meet at **Victory College, 6 Kairn Rd Strathdale** at 9:30 on Saturday the 23rd, entry to the show is \$5, In the afternoon we will be visiting Marilyn Sprague's wonderful garden at **105 Dysons Rd Mandurang**, entry is \$10. In the evening we will meet for dinner at a venue (yet to be decided). The plan for Sunday is to travel to an area of local bushland to look at the wildflowers in the morning and conclude the weekend by visiting the Goldfields Revegetation Nursery at **230 Tannery Lane Mandurang**. If you are planning on joining us for the weekend then please let me know, as we need to make a booking for the evening meal on the Saturday, I currently have 14 of us intending to go so far.



October Giant Plant Table: For October we won't be having our regular Friday meeting but will have our get together on Saturday the 28th for a giant plant table, similar to the one we had last November except this one will be starting at 11:00 am and finishing at 3:00pm. This should make it easier for some of our more distant members to come along without having to drive at night. We need everyone to bring food to share. Hopefully we will get a good selection of savoury and sweets dishes and can share a relaxing lunch while talking about plants. The meeting will be very informal, bring along flowers, foliage, seed pods or bark from your garden and tell the group why they are special to you or how they are growing for you. You may have a plant that isn't thriving then bring it along so we can look at it and maybe offer suggestions on what could be causing the problem and how to remedy it.

November Visit to Warrnambool by Wimmera Group: Last year for our trip away some of us went up to Horsham to visit the Wimmera group, who showed us around Mount Arapiles State Park and the Little Desert National Park, as well as visiting some of their lovely gardens. Over the Melbourne Cup weekend this year (4th and 5th of November) we are returning the favour as they come down to Warrnambool to visit us. At this stage the plan (yet to be finalised) is to visit Swan Reserve, the Dawson/Blood garden and the Handscombe garden on the Saturday and travel towards Port Campbell on the Sunday to look at some bushland areas. We are intending to join the group for an evening meal on Saturday. Warrnambool group members are welcome to join us at any time but we do need to know numbers so we can book a venue for the Saturday evening. If you would like to come along then please let me know so that a booking can be made. More details to come once the programme and venue has been finalised.

Garden Visit to Mike and Liz Halls Garden Last Month

Last month, 12 members visited Mike and Liz Halls magnificent garden in Rooneys Road. As always the garden was looking great with lots of plants in flower.

It was a good opportunity to see how other members put together their gardens with lots of ideas and plants on show, far too many to show here.

Mike and Liz have a double sized block which they purchased some 50 years ago and built their home. This was before there were other houses in the area.

Thank you to Mike and Liz for opening up their home and garden to members, we all enjoyed the visit.

The plants featured below are: *Banksia ericifolia*, *Banksia solandri* and *Leschenaultia biloba*.

Plants on the next page are: *Epacris longiflora*, *Isopogon formosus* and *Pimelea ferruginea* 'Rosea'.



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WARRNAMBOOL GARDENS FOR WILDLIFE

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green@warrnambool.vic.gov.au or 1300 003 280 (local call)

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Pomonal Native Flower Show



30th September @ 9:00 am – 1st October @ 4:00 pm

Pomonal Community Hall,
3360 Ararat Halls Gap Rd.
Pomonal, Victoria, Australia

Combined with the Halls Gap flower show, the theme this year is “Eucalypts”, with special guest speaker and eucalypt expert Dean Nicolle.
Cut Flower Displays,
Named Specimens & Book Sales Speakers

Display Table Report By Linda Handscombe

I started the ball rolling with 2 specimens. The first being *Grevillea* 'Evelyn's Coronet' (photo right) an attractive hybrid between *Grevillea buxifolia* and *Grevillea la-vandulacea*. It arose in a lady named Evelyn's garden in NSW in 1972. Reaching 1.5m x 1.5m it is hardy to most conditions. The pink flowers open over time to reveal crown like upright red and purple styles. Tip pruning increases bushiness and flowering the following season. If you'd like a hardy *Grevillea* that isn't a big temperamental tropical hybrid, this is ideal.

I also brought a lovely spray of pinky/purple *Lasiopetalum baueri*, The Slender Velvet Bush. This hardy subtle plant grows 1m x 1m and occurs in south eastern Australia in mallee communities and coastal cliffs so copes with sandy soil, neutral to acidic soil and limestone. It should do well in Warrnambool and we have seen it in the natural bushland above Port Campbell.

Kevin celebrated the contributions to our group of long time member June Preece who has recently passed away. He brought a piece of her cornflower blue *Scaevola crassifolia* (photo right). This *Scaevola* is extremely hardy, easy to propagate and always flowering from spring through to summer. It occurs widely and is very butterfly attracting. Prune back regularly to rejuvenate.

Kevin also brought an *Eremophila delisseri* that he grows in a pot. Growing originally on the Nullabor in South Australia it is drought and wind hardy. Its unusual whitish grey foliage and lilac to purple flowers in spring has led some growers to say that it has more potential than the beautiful and well known *Eremophila nivea*. It reaches 1.5m x 2m

Mike brought a lovely specimen of *Phebalium glandulosum* [bears many glands] or Desert Phebalium. It's a dwarf to medium shrub, occurring in open forests, mallee and heath in eastern Victoria. It has small clusters of yellow star like flowers and is hardy once established.

Mike also brought *Philotheca myoporoides*, the Long Leaf Wax Flower. He recommends pruning or hedging it to keep it bushy. Its stems are covered with glands that give it its distinctive aroma. In fact it took me years to identify what the main perfume in the Pomonal Hall at the Flower Show was, and that's it. It also hails from eastern Australia. It's a hardy plant thriving through cold and drought and is wider than it is tall. It is flexible and apparently anchors well to the ground so should do well around windy



Brian brought a selection of wattles. The first was *Acacia melanoxylon*, The Australian Blackwood. It's native to eastern Australia. It can grow to 20m and is valued for its decorative timber.

The second was *Acacia longifolia*, The Coastal Wattle. The coastal wattle is useful for erosion but it can become weedy. We have seen first hand what *Acacia longifolia* var *sophorae* has done to the coastal vegetation in Warrnambool and Portland, while *Acacia longifolia* var *longifolia* the Sallow Wattle is very weedy in the Grampians.

Brian also brought *Acacia paradoxa* (Photo upper right), The Hedge Wattle. Apparently the paradoxical nature of the hedge wattle is that its showy yellow flowers mask aggressively thorny branches. It is common throughout Australia and is valuable in providing cover for small birds, nectar for moths and butterflies and seeds for birds.



Ross brought a number of Eucalypts. He wanted us to see the value and to admire not only the spectacular yellow flowers of *Eucalyptus preissiana*, The Bell Fruited Mallee, but he also wanted us to see the beauty in the lovely red new growth of *Corymbia ficifolia* and the buds of *Eucalyptus caesia* too.

Dave brought a specimen of *Pimelia spectabilis* (photo lower right), The Bunjong. This did not blow out last Friday for which I am very grateful. Because we could never strike it from cuttings, I bought a grafted one and it is doing very well. Ungrafted, it needs a very well drained acidic soil and is apparently prone to Cinnamon Fungus. It can grow to 2m but is usually smaller.

He also brought a piece of our yellow flowering *Eucalyptus petiolaris*, The Eyre Peninsula Blue Gum that is endemic to South Australia. It is often incorrectly sold as *Eucalyptus leucoxylon*. Dave grew it from seed collected years ago in a garden in Dunkeld or from Neil Marriott. It can grow from 6-20m tall. Flowers can also be cream, pink or red. We saw fabulous unusual orangey red flowering tree at Pangarinda Botanic Garden in South Australia. David stood on the bonnet of the car to retrieve a gumnut.. We have a seedling from that tree but it is a bit disappointing in colour.



Chorizema varium By Kevin Sparrow

Last month I brought in a specimen of my *Chorizema varium* which is growing on our front garden. This plant is actually classified as rare in its natural environment (WA) but it does very well in our garden. I grew it by cutting originally but it sets lots of seed so is pretty easy to propagate. You can't tell from the photo but it is growing up through a *Melaleuca fulgens* which is giving it some height and displaying it well. Once it finishes flowering we will prune it back again ready for it to grow up again next year.



Plant Profile by Dave Handscombe - *Grevillea tenuiloba*

Species: *Grevillea tenuiloba*

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

tenuiloba – From the Latin *tenuis* meaning narrow and *lobus* meaning a lobe, referring to the leaf lobes.

Common Name: Amber Grevillea

Family: Proteaceae

Dimensions: Height: up to 1 metre, width up to 3 metre.

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

Distribution: Western Australia in isolated colonies between Wongan Hills in the south and Jibberding in the north.

Grevillea tenuiloba prefers sandy to gravelly loam soils that are well drained and slightly acidic to slightly alkaline. It is drought tolerant, frost hardy and well suited to hot dry areas. It grows in full sun although will tolerate light shading and will form a dense low mound if pruned while young. It is well suited to pot culture as long as the pot is large enough. In areas that are very damp it is best grafted onto suitable rootstock and makes a fantastic standard when grafted onto *Grevillea robusta*. The orange flowers produce copious quantities of nectar, which are frequented by honeyeaters in search of food, making it a fabulous addition to a bird friendly garden. It can be propagated from seed or cutting although you may have mixed success from cuttings.





Photo Captions:

Photo 1: *Grevillea tenuiloba* standard.

Photo 2: A closer view of the flowers to demonstrate the free flowering nature of the plant.

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

Photo 4-7: Various stages and views of the inflorescence.



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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

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.

7 & 8 October 2023 – Open Days at Currency Creek Arboretum, South Australia. 9 am to 4.30 pm.

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. Please check web for confirmation.

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: rbgfriendscranbourne.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