



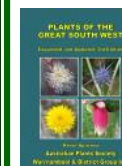
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On Eastern Maar Country

EDITORIAL

Hello members,

Hope you all have had a great Christmas and New Year period and have not been too badly affected by the rainfall at the weekend. This is just a short newsletter to get the year started. We begin our usual Members Nights from February next month, we have a number of speakers penciled in already but are looking for others. Please let me know if you have any ideas/suggestions or a subject you would like covered.

Last year, we had a lot of activities which were all well attended by members: a number of garden visits, a weekend away, day trips and our Christmas Break up - see pages 3 and 4. We are hoping to organise lots of these activities again this year, perhaps later in the year. Let me know if your garden could be available.

We start off our year at APS Warrnambool with a visit to **Griffith Island in Port Fairy** on Friday 19th hosted by the Friends of Griffith Island to watch the Shearwaters fly in at dusk. This is a great opportunity to see these special birds arriving back at their nests. We will meet at the **Rotunda at 8pm** to walk to the lighthouse and back, then onto a suitable viewing spot to see the shearwaters. Everyone needs to **bring along a torch** and to wear suitable footwear.

If you would like to come over a bit earlier, meet up at the shop opposite the **Gardens Caravan Park entrance at 6.30** for some fish and chips.

Hope to catch up on Friday 19th Cheers, Kevin

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 Activity: January Get-together - Friday 19th January 8.00pm at Griffith Island.

Members Activities

January 19th 8.00pm: Visit to Griffith Island, Port Fairy
Guided walk to watch the shearwater birds returning to their nests.
Time: 6.30pm- Fish and chips (?) Meet at the Causeway at 8.00pm. **Everyone to bring along a torch.**

February 23rd 8.00pm: David and Linda - Blue Mountains.

February 27th 2.00pm: Committee Meeting at Sparrows - 35 Swan Street.

March 22nd 8.00pm: Members Night at Mozart Hall speaker is Lindsay Paw talking about the Chelsea Flower Show.

March 25th 2.00pm: Committee Meeting venue TBA

April 26th 8.00pm: John Sherwood - Ningaloo.

May 25th 8.00pm: AGM night. Speaker TBA

Christmas Breakup



Of Course, there is always someone wanting the BBQ!

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

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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.

Christmas Breakup at Ross and Sue's



We had a great turn out of members to our Christmas Breakup in December, held at Ross and Sue's property at Illowa. Of course we can't have Christmas without the usual Christmas cake superbly baked and decorated by Dorothy. President, Dave Handscombe did the honors in cutting the cake and thanking everyone for coming along. See next page for most except for the late arrivals.

Dave and Linda also donated some plants for a Plant Raffle, here members purchase raffle tickets which go into a draw. As members numbers are drawn out, they get to pick a plant to take home. Plants are seconds but still in good condition and all proceeds are donated to the Friends of Swan Reserve, Thank you Dave and Linda for your support.



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Shows, Conferences, Plant Sales and Other Items of Interest.

IMPORTANT PLEASE CHECK APS VICTORIAN WEBSITE FOR CANCELLATIONS

23 & 24 March 2024 - 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

6 & 7 April 2024 – APS Wangaratta take part in Off-Grid Living Festival & Campout, Chiltern Racecourse & Recreation Reserve, NE Victoria. Providing information about Australian plants – growing, maintenance, suitability and also selling plants which we have propagated ourselves.

13 April 2024 – APS Geelong Australian Native Plant Sale, 'Wirrawilla', Lovely Banks. 8.30 am to 4.00 pm.

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

5 September 2024 – Wimmera Biodiversity Seminar. Further details to follow.

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

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.

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



19 & 20 October 2024 - Cranbourne Friends RBGV Spring Plant Sale. 10 am to 4 pm. Wide range of plants, plant list available one week before sale.
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