



# Australian Plants Society Yarra Yarra Group Inc

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## Newsletter April 2021

### Latest News

**O**nce again we bear witness to scenes of devastating loss and hardship in NSW. It is hard to comprehend. A quadruple whammy of drought, fire, pandemic and now floods for many. We know that extreme weather events accompany climate change and we see them play out now year after year and not just in our country. Let us hope – that those in need are supported, that courage and intelligence are applied to policies that will enable change. We can play our part and do when we grow plants, look after our flora and fauna, and therein, ourselves.

**April sees the start of a season of APS plant sales.** APS Geelong has their sale on April 17 and the APS YY Growers will have the Prostanthera & Westringia Collection there, then a week later APS YY has its Autumn Sale for the first time this year at our EXPO venue, the Eltham Community and Reception Centre (ECRC) on Saturday the 24th of April with a large array of plant sellers present including many from APS YY. So as to abide by COVID safe practice and social distancing we will need to regulate numbers in the venue. There will be a volunteers roster at the General Meeting. *We would also appreciate members emailing us with their availability.*

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See time slots opposite for Friday afternoon (April 23) & Saturday (April 24). It is so good to have the opportunity to do this and to celebrate gathering together over a shared love of growing plants and the beauty they bring.

**We had our first garden visit for the year, see page 4 & 5 for the report of the Stavrou Garden in Research.** Some of us attended the APS Vic Quarterly Gathering at Warrnambool on March 13 & 14, the first in a long time and what a delight it was. There are two reports associated with this weekend, see pages 8 to 11 and much more of interest in this issue.



Hugh & Anne Mestitz

### Friday 9th April Speaker - Helen Corney *Gardens for Wildlife*

**7.30 pm for 8 pm start** at Eltham Senior Citizens Hall.

Helen has over three decades of experience within the environment sector, with the goals of protecting the environment and connecting people to a positive relationship with nature. She works as an Environmental Project Officer, in threatened species monitoring, reserve management and supporting community-based environmental groups. She is a facilitator and steering group member of Gardens for Wildlife Victoria, helping residents to connect and care for nature through wildlife gardening.

As a research member of the People, Nature, Place Program at RMIT University she explores the relationship between human health and well-being and nature and the implications this has for environmental management.



Rainbow lorikeet in Hakea laurina. Gordon Barfield

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**Autumn Sale Volunteer Times:** Friday 2pm - 6pm, & Saturday 8am-10am setup, 10am-12, 12-2pm, 2pm-4pm and pack up 4pm-6pm.

## APS VIC & APS YY Diary Dates

**17 April 2021** - APS Geelong Australian Native Plant Sale, 'Wirrawilla', Lovely Banks.

**24 April 2021** – **APS Yarra Yarra Autumn Plant Sale**, Eltham Community & Reception Centre, Eltham. 10 am – 4 pm.

**1 May 2021** - APS Mornington Peninsula Plant Sale, Seawinds Gardens, Arthurs Seat Park, Purves Road, Arthurs Seat. 10 am - 3.30 pm

**8 May 2021** - APS Melton and Bacchus Marsh Plant Sale. 9am to 1pm. The venue is expected to be St Andrews Uniting Church at Bacchus Marsh, but the booking is yet to be confirmed.

**5 June APS Vic COM** Shepparton (details to follow)

**26 & 27 June 2021** – APS Ballarat Winter Flower Show. Flower show, plant sales etc. Robert Clark Centre, Ballarat Botanic Gardens, Gilles Street, Ballarat. 10 am – 4 pm.

**11 & 12 September 2021** – **APS Yarra Yarra Australian Plants Expo**, Eltham Community & Reception Centre, Eltham. 10 am – 4 pm.

**Note: The Diary Dates** in the March issue of Growing Australian has the dates mixed up for YY Expo and APS Grampians COM meeting. They should be YY Expo 11-12 Sept and 25-26 Sept for APS Grampians COM.

## APS YY Committee Matters

### WANTED - APS YY Secretary Job Description

The main role of the secretary is to be the Public officer and record group business. This mostly entails responsibility for the members signing in at general meetings, taking minutes at committee meetings and providing an agenda beforehand, tracking correspondence (and responding if necessary) and then just helping out with admin for the group as and when required.

The secretary might get a bit more involved at events like the plant sales and expo if there are forms or rosters to be drawn up and sent around, but that is not a requirement of the role and can be shared with other members of committee.

## APS YY Future Speakers & Garden Visits

### Speakers

**Thursday 3rd July:** *Neutrog Biological Fertilisers* – Helen Lovel from Neutrog

**Thursday 5th August:** *AGM; Vertical Gardens* – Ben Hutchinson from Ben Hutchinson Landscapes

**Thursday 2nd September:** *New Parks for Victoria's Central West* – Jordan Crook, Nature Campaigner, VNPA

**Thursday 7th October:** Grand Flower Table (Members)

**Thursday 4th November:** TBC

**Thursday 2nd December:** Christmas Party

**We will return to Thursday evening General Meetings at Araluen in May.**

### Garden Visits

**May 2nd,** The Giufre Garden, Hurstbridge

**June 6th,** The Peter Smith Garden, Warrandyte  
More details closer to the time.



Verticordia luteola, Mike R, Document Camera

**Peter Smith** - President, Garden Visits 0425 798 275.

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**Miriam Ford** - **Outgoing** Secretary, Newsletter Editor, COM delegate, APS YY Growers M 0409 600 644

**Sue Gwilym** - Treasurer 0401 250 331

**Carmen Cooper** - Membership Officer, APS YY Growers 0413 012 045

**Suzie Gordon** - General Committee, APS YY Growers 0457 084 467

**Anita Bourke** - General Committee, APS YY Growers 0403 203 399

March 5th -  
Meeting Report - Russell Wait, Eremophilas

Russell treated us to quite a travelogue of his *Hairyremophilas* as he likes to call them. Apparently Eremophila species are identified by the types of hairs on the leaves and flowers. These have to be magnified of course to see their various distinguishing characteristics properly. We started off in the Kennedy Range in 1995 then went to a variety of locations in WA and also up to the Kimberleys. Russell travels west most years with the exception of 2020 due to COVID. The various Eremophila mentioned along the way included the following species:-

- E. brevifolia – Geraldton, rare and endangered, white changing to pink, flowers
- E. fasciata ( Shaggy Dog) – a lovely patch in the Kimberly, feral goats had cleared everything when Russell returned a year later
- E. glabra – various forms
- E. interstans – large shrub, completely covered in creamy yellow flowers in spring
- E. 'Giles memory' – SA hybrid.
- E. glabra Ravensthorpe, brilliant red & yellow flowers, lost in the wild since
- E. mirabilis, rare & endangered, just 3 places, threatened by coal mining
- E. splendens - 2 M high at Steep Point, most westerly point in WA, this is the denser form of E. splendens
- E. dempsterii – light pink & lilac blue forms, identified by white line down stem
- E. granitica – Russel talked about how some bees pollinate even the tubular flowers with images to prove it. He also told us about bees doing wheelies in the more bell shaped flowers, he has seen them going round and around gathering up pollen
- E. yinnetharrensensis - has a very open habit, grows in bare ground/granitic soil/scoria, displays flowers beautifully when it does flower, masquerades as dead-looking twigs otherwise.
- E. forestii X latrobei – widespread.

We briefly stopped at Canning Stock Route Well #6 with Eucalyptus camaldulensis, Acacia rossei (a glorious acacia) & E. minata which has beautiful sepals which last ages, same colour as the flowers, a pinkish purple. E. ciliata, after fire there can be thousands, one of the broom types. E. Beryl's Blue – densifolia X nivea. Denser and better than E. nivea E. bignoniiflora hybrids, raised by Ray ? - the Meringur series e.g. Meringur Isaac, Midnight. E. waitii – finally one named after Russell in honour of his work and service to the Eremophila Genus. Flowers are clustered, a distinguishing feature with respect to its relative E nivea.

Russell concluded his presentation by showing us the draft front page of the new Eremophila book due to be released sometime this year with him as lead Author with Cathy Powers, Christine Huff & Dr Jenny West. Russell then proceeded to help us identify all the Eremophilas brought in for the Flower Table. Russell brought a great selection of grafted Eremophila to the evening and while we may have pre-ordered there were still more that needed to be acquired.

Thank you Russell for a most entertaining and illuminating presentation and for the beautiful plants to add to our Gardens.



*Eremophila cuneifolia, flaccida, splendens 'Spitfire' & purpurascens.*

Images by Gordon Barfield of the Eremophilas growing in their Research garden, which was sold to new owners recently. Most of the Eremophilas are grafted forms from Russell .

Reports -  
March 7 Garden Visit

Stavrous's Garden, 'Terrara, "Place of Bushes" Jan 2021

We moved into our place in September, 1976. It was an unfenced property with basically two layers of growth, the top canopy of Eucalyptus polyanthemus, and at ground level badly eaten grass or bare dirt. There was also an impressive patch of Acacia acinaecea under an established spotted gum [?] on the south side and a few Exocarpus cupressiformis, Acacia pycnantha and Bursaria spinosa dotted throughout the block and just two Correa reflexas. There was no shortage of weeds either, with about 14 pine trees taller than Eucalypt canopy, agapanthas, pampas grass, broom and cape weed. At ground level was grass eaten down to ground level by rabbits and bare dirt. My children earned some cash for every wheelbarrow load of weeds they pulled out!

The block behind us was a paddock housing a friendly donkey. Within a couple of years a house was built and we had neighbours, who quite quickly put up a barbed wire fence as they had guard dogs. My overall aim for the garden was to restore it to its original state. The first summer, I saw the potential of 'the paddocks', was when arriving home from a two week holiday in January, there was a fully grown Hyacinth orchid, Dipodium roseum [?]. My excitement, bordered on a type of mad dance! It was then I fully appreciated the garden's potential.

I had quite a collection of native orchids as a member of ANOS. These were housed in a shade house which was pulled down when I returned to full time work in 1990. The terrestrial orchids were planted around the block. My aim for the garden was to conserve what was there and return it to its natural state. I regard the garden as an ongoing, creative and rewarding hobby. Nothing is set in concrete and I change things on a whim!

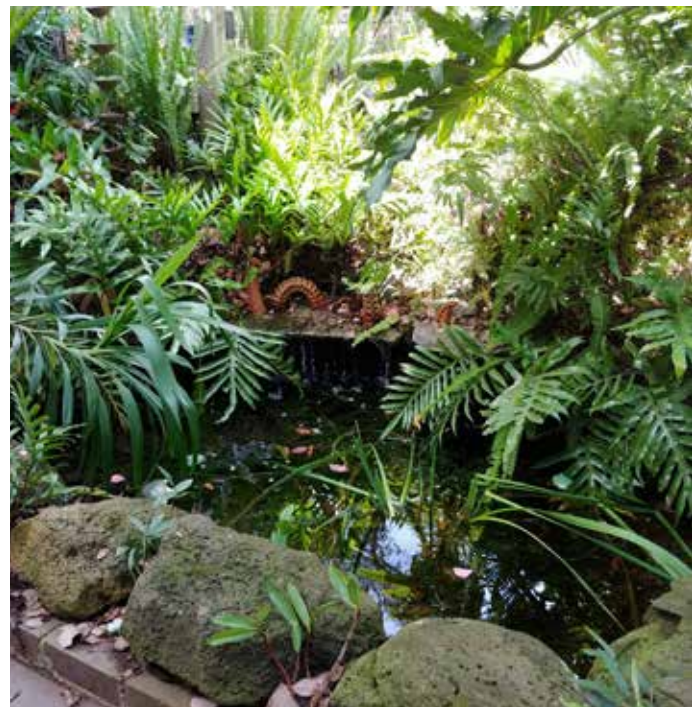
The major challenges faced were -

[1] Anything planted was generally eaten by rabbits or they would ring bark them and the plants would die.

[2] Water coming from back block [pool].

[3] After sewerage works, many small rocks dug up by machinery and spread throughout the north side of the block.

The first thing that we started to do was to have the pine trees cut down, a few each time as the finances allowed. All pine trees have now been removed. To solve the problem of unwanted water, we had a dry creek bed dug out in 2007 modelled on those you see in the bush. I greatly appreciated the help of my friends Therese and Dave with this project. The water is collected in a bog/dam just inside our property. Any overflow is piped to the road. We used large hand chosen mudrocks for around the bog and Yea River rocks for the creek bed.



*The fernery and the lovely water feature ( with Nessie) in the covered back veranda of the house where we gathered for afternoon tea. There were about 15 APS YY folk in attendance.*

## Stavrou's Garden, Terrara, "Place of Bushes"

In 2010, we had a farm fence installed to keep the rabbits out, or at least make it harder for them to enter, [my best present ever!] I was hopeful of 10 years gardening without rabbits. I had always admired gabion walls, and decided to put one around two pipes sticking out of the ground, [part of sewerage works]. The older grandchildren earned money helping me fill the walls with the larger rocks.

After a few mistakes with planting, I mostly plant indigenous species from Edendale nursery in the paddocks. Around the house are planted any other native plant that takes my fancy. We dug a two pond water feature just outside the back door in the early 1980s. It has had a few overhauls/ facelifts over the years. It is now a small frog pond feeding into the larger pond below. I employ an ecologist, Jarrod, to help me maintain the two paddocks. This has worked out very well for me as it is a bush garden. We have not mowed for years and just use a whipper snipper in an as needed manner. We hand weed a lot.

The garden has changed as it has grown and regenerated. The variety of native orchids, grasses and other small plant species has been pleasing to see. Every year is different, but the standout for me was in 2009 when 81 Hyacinth orchids came up! Over the years we have been visited by kangaroos, the local echidna, even a disoriented koala. It took a few years to attract colourful birds without feeding them, but now we do see parrots [eastern, crimson, king], pardalotes, [who like to nest here,] cockatoos, galahs, mudlarks and lots of rainbow lorikeets. I am yet to attract back blue wrens who used to nest under the house.

*Editor:* We really enjoyed seeing the garden and gathering together near the lovely water feature to enjoy a cuppa, some scrumptious home made snacks and conversation. It was a pleasure to look through the photo albums and see all the amazing orchids Agatha has throughout the property. I think we ought to go back and see them when in flower. Thank you Agatha and family for a most wonderful visit to start off our 2021 season.



*Images clockwise: In the front bush garden, Reflective pools for the little birds & insects, Bursaria spinosa & out the back with the orchids and many other plants, places to sit and rest.*

Thanks to Russell Wait for assisting with ID. Thanks also to those who brought in specimens, especially named ones.

#### SCROPHULARIACEAE FAMILY

*Eremophila maculata splendens* brick red flower; *E. macdonnellii* variable shrub, cream or pale pink to rich lilac; *E. macdonnellii* - Simpson Desert form broader leaf, frost sensitive, not as floriferous but flowers prominent; *E. 'Beryl's Gem'* - *calorhabdos* x *splendens*; *E. debilis* - white flower, Mike says it self seeds in his garden; *E. muelleriana* - Bruce says his is 2m x 2m, but Russell says this doesn't happen in the wild; *E. 'Beryl's Blue'* - *nivea* hybrid; *E. christopheri* x *nivea* 'Smoke Haze' - more upright than *nivea*; *E. nivea* - white form (bred by Russell); *E. 'Yanna Road Wonder'* - 'Yanna Road' x *glabra* from Canning Stock Route; *E. glabra* 'Mingenew Gold'; *E. 'Meringur Ray'* - *bignoniiflora* x *purpurascens*; *E. hygrophana* complex; *E. glabra* x *maculata* possibly; *E. weldii* - across Nullarbor; *E. 'Summertime Blue'* - natural hybrid found NW Victoria- *polyclada* x *divaricata*; *E. glabra* x *maculata*; *E. alternifolia* x *maculata* ('Thunderbolt' or 'Wild Berry'); *E. subteretifolia* - prostrate, rare and endangered

#### MYRTACEAE FAMILY

*Regelia ciliata* - to 1.5mH, Mike grows it.  
*Verticordia chrysostachys* - yellow/orange; *V. chrysostachys* var *pallida* - creamy yellow; *V. tumida* - Summer feather flower, bright pink; *V. luteola* - white; *V. mirabilis*  
*Eucalyptus erythrocorys* - Red-capped Mallee, frost sensitive while young.

#### LAMIACEAE FAMILY

*Hemiandra pungens* - in hanging basket  
*Prostanthera aspalathoides* - Lake Marmal form, larger flower.  
*Westringia eremicola* - deep purple form, NSW, Vic, SA, to 1.5mH

#### ACANTHACEAE FAMILY

*Graptophyllum ilicifolium* - Holly-leaved Fuchsia, Qld rainforest, 3-5mH.

#### FABACEAE FAMILY

*Swainsona galegifolia* - Smooth Darling Pea, NSW & Qld, to 1m, frost sensitive.  
*Acacia* brought in for ID - possibly *A. linifolia*, White Wattle or Flax Wattle, Sydney region.

Images: Top down. *E. muelleriana*, *E. subteretifolia*, *E. Meringur Ray*, *E. debilis*. All images Mike Ridley, Document Camera



Images - Top 4 Panel - Clockwise  
*Graptophyllum ilicifolium*, *Eucalyptus erythrocorys*,  
*Swainsona galegifolia*, *Regelia ciliata*. Images Ben Eaton.

Images - Bottom 4 Panel - Clockwise  
*Verticordia delight* - *V. mirabilis*, *V. tumida*, *V. chrysostachys* & *V. luteola*. Images Mike R, D Camera



## APS Vic Quarterly Gathering, Warrnambool - Committee of Management Meeting

The newsletter editor, Miriam is the APS Yarra Yarra delegate as well as an APS Vic VP. There were 26 delegates from other District Groups in attendance. These edited minutes are taken from Chris Long's, the APS Vic secretary, original.

**APS Vic Support for Chelsea best in show rebuild by Phillip Johnson.** This Project will cost in the order of \$6 million of which more than half has been donated or promised. APS Vic's financial contribution, whatever size we decide, will be a small percentage of that total. Some members have already contributed and we encourage others to do so. We want to find a way to support the project that will give APS Vic on-going recognition. Two suggestions were to sponsor seating or plant labels bearing our logo. Phillip does not want volunteer assistance and will do the work as part of his business including maintaining the finished garden for the first 10 years. Parks Victoria owns the land and will become responsible for the maintenance after the initial 10 years. APS Vic will have discussions with Phil so as to determine what support from us will work best. *Hot off the Press:* We have recently heard that the State Government will provide funding to support this endeavour.

**APS Grampians 40th anniversary activities and COMM and AGM hosting.** It was confirmed that the 25th/26th September will be a 2 day event. There will be walks and other activities in the following week leading up to the Pomonal Flower Show on 2nd/3rd October.

**Victorian Deer Control Network.** Feral deer are spreading right across Victoria and are becoming a serious problem. A unified approach to control will help. Motion: that APS Vic joins the Victorian Deer Control Network when membership becomes available, subject to the executive approving the membership fee. Carried.

**APS Vic Memberships** 911 total, with 115 lone members. COVID has meant delays and numbers are still coming in. It was pointed out that the household memberships of which there are 334 disguise the real total numbers.

**Growing Australian – the APS Vic Quarterly Magazine.** Lachlan Garland, the editor, has expressed concerns

about length and contributions. We are asked to encourage various DGs to send suitable articles to GA, articles from their newsletters are often suitable.

**Seedbank Curator Marj Seaton** has asked for cleaned seed contributions from members, especially Banksia and Dryandra. There is a need for continual replenishment of seeds and all contributions are welcome.

**FJC Rogers Seminar 2022:** Fabulous Peas (the typical 'pea-flowered' plants from the sub-family Faboideae) 15, 16 October 2022 hosted by APS Maroondah. Plans are progressing well. Expressions of interest in attending are now open. Paul Kennedy & others questioned whether the close proximity of the event to the ANPSA Biennial Conference in Kiama, NSW in September would impact numbers attending from interstate. This had been considered by the organising committee and they decided to proceed with the event in 2022. ANPSA Biennial Conferences will be in the even years going forward and we will change to the odd years for future FJC Rogers seminars starting in 2025.

**ANPSA 2023 – now ANPSA 2024.** This will be run by APS Vic. No meetings during 2020 but will start up in 2021. Plan is for the Conference to be at Melbourne Conference and Exhibition Centre and will be garden themed. We need more members to join the organising sub-committee – contact Chris Long.

**MIFGS 2021** has been cancelled until 2022.

**Other APS Vic COMMs & Dates for 2021 & 22**

5th June 2021, one day, hosted by SGAP Shepparton and District.

Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th September 2021 hosted by APS Grampians and including AGM. This coincides with the 40th birthday of APS Grampians.

November 2021, one day, hosted by APS Mornington Peninsula, date not yet set.

September 2022 hosted by APS Loddon Murray.





Some  
Images from the Weekend

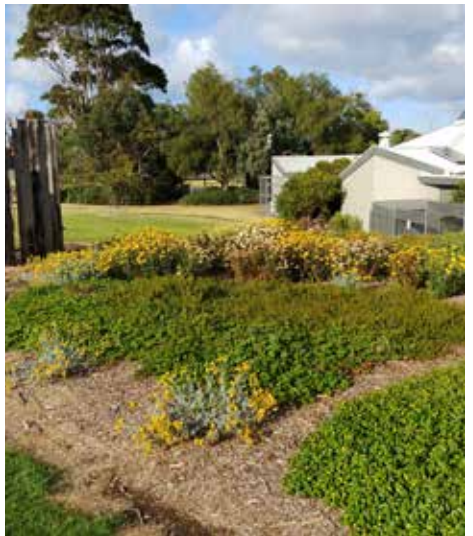


Image p 6 Warrnambool beach looking toward the breakwater,  
This page 7 - Panel of 4, from the top clockwise: The Mattner Garden. The Prostanthera & Westringia Collection set up for sale, Anne Langmaid & Roula with Banksia grandis, Dodonea viscida, Michael Mattner

dwarfed by a huge Hakea corymbosa.  
Bottom 3 panel - Dorothy Mattner wire sculpture - it was inspired during lockdown; Swan Reserve indigenous beds . The group pictured are looking at Kunzea pomifera one of the bush tucker plants, produces a tasty berry.

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APS Vic  
Warrnambool Quarterly Weekend, March 13 & 14  
Garden Visits

### Book Launch - Plants of Great South West – Edition 3

A rainy day saw the book launch transferred from the Swan Reserve to the Surfside Caravan Camp Kitchen where Brett Clarke welcomed us to country with a moving smoking ceremony involving clapping sticks and song. He went on to tell us a little of the history of Indigenous people of the area, praised the APS as supporters of native plants and spoke of his desire to see healing coming from indigenous people growing traditional foods to feed the community.

Kevin Sparrow, the author of all three editions wanted an indigenous component to be included in the third edition. In this he was greatly helped by his editor, Jodie Honan, who had initially suggested the need for a third edition, given the many botanical name changes since the 2014 edition. The new edition includes another 80 species bringing the total to 608 species described in 488 pages.

#### Garden Visits

As a long-time Eltham resident used to halving suggested heights and widths for plants, I was in awe of the growth and health of the plants in the various gardens. I attributed this to the beautiful volcanic soil with perhaps some acknowledgement of the skills and knowledge of the gardeners involved. Let's say I was envious.

#### Swan Reserve

This indigenous area later became the saleyards until they were moved in the 1970s leaving the area vacant apart from a heritage-listed wall. It is now managed by Friends of Swan Reserve in conjunction with the council as an annex to the Botanic Gardens with Kevin Sparrow as the spokesperson.

Apart from the existing large trees, all plants in the Reserve are about 20 years old. There is a large variety of plants some grouped together in beds: the Banksia bed, the Wollemi bed and the Biodiversity bed to name some. The Biodiversity bed shows the cultural

and nutritional significance of some local plants; many members gathered around the ground cover *Kunzea pomifera* to taste the delicious fruit. Other plants included Acacias, Hakeas, Grevilleas, Eucalyptus, Correas and Eremophilas. One particular Eremophila that took my fancy was Eremophila Yanna Road with the lovely contrast of the grey leaves and pink flowers.

#### Mattner Garden 'Wren Haven' Cudjee

This is a well established garden of 2 ½ acres edged by bush giving a secluded, peaceful feel to the garden. Some plants are almost 20 years old but new ones are being planted as happens in any garden to cope with changing circumstances. Some that took my eye included a very large *Persoonia pinifolia*, a delightful pink form of *Kunzea baxterii* and an Acacia *binerva* cross *stenophylla* "Silver Cascade", allegedly a ground cover but in this garden, a small tree. *Hakea Burrendong Beauty* had also outdone itself having reached almost two metres. Other plants that caught my attention included *Banksia grandis* and *Banksia baxteri* with its cut leaves and rounded yellow cones. Still more were ground cover, *Goodenia viscida*, *Xanthorrhoea semiplana*, *Lambertia orbifolia*, *Thomasia macrocarpa*, *Correa alba* var *pannosa* and *Grevillea 'New Blood'*. Dorothy Mattner's sculptures add to the garden as do the little birds that flit about constantly. Michael says that the soil is good with a pH of 6-7 and that the only fertiliser used is blood and bone when planting.

**Warrnambool  
Quarterly Garden Visits  
(continued)**



**Handsome Garden**

David and Linda Handsome bought this six acre property in 2015, moved into their new house two years ago and began planting six months later. David explained that the soil is very good: well drained volcanic soil with nine inches of topsoil, a 50 metre deep water table and a Ph of 6.5-7. This probably goes some way to explaining the fantastic growth of the plants - along with the expertise of the former nursery couple.

The garden is a work in progress with new beds being established with the help of large machinery to place rocks which are a feature of the garden. Beds already established include the experimental Tasmanian garden with its pencil pines and sassafras and a sub-tropical grevillea bed with grevilleas such as Spirit of Anzac, Blood Orange and Bush Lemons just coming into their prime. Another feature of the garden is the colourful xerochrysums which happily self seed everywhere and provide habitat for small birds, especially wrens. This is a plantsman's garden. It creates a need to obtain many of the beautiful plants growing here. And members could be seen returning to their cars with their newly acquired treasures.

**Blood/Dawson Garden**

This very productive garden is the result of the work of Sue Blood and Ross Dawson who moved here from

suburban Melbourne five years ago. The backyard is a food production site while the front half of the block is a native garden. The initial planting in the native garden consisted of callistemons and melaleucas along the fence line to remove passing traffic from sight. Most of the later plants came from the Handsomes, Linda being Sue's sister but others were grown from seed.

The area which I found most fascinating was the backyard. In a fairly small space could be found 19 vegetable beds, 100,000 bees in hives which produced 60 kgs of honey last year - and innumerable fruit trees. These included the usual apples, pears, plums and apricots, some espaliered, plus figs, tamarillos, elderberries, avocados, pomegranates and a citrus orchard. Sue's garden art, the 13 chooks and the wrens and New Holland honeyeaters all contributed something extra to yet another fascinating garden.

***A big thank you to all the owners who gave us their time and expertise and a big thank you also to the organisers of the weekend.***

*Images: p 8 Sunrise, Warrnambool Beach, This page top - Swan Reserve - Group & Banksia praemorsa yellow (Images MF)  
Bottom panel - The Handsome garden, Tower Hill crater & Hakea clavata ( Images Manny Pappos)*



## Other APS YY Matters -

### Help Please at the General Meetings

- With arranging chairs for the meeting, replacing in original design after
- With the meet and greet at the entrance, remind people to sign in & to buy their \$2 – entrance & raffle tickets
- With setting up plant sale & flower display tables
- With Plant Sales, taking cash &/or using the Credit system ( on Committee approval)
- With the setting up & working the visual and audio devices for the meeting – Rob & Mike R can advise
- With writing the meeting report. You can take your own notes or have a recording sent to you to transcribe.
- With assisting with Supper ( Suzie) & the Library ( Jenny)

All things must be done with the current COVID safe practice in mind. Again someone will be on hand to monitor and assist if necessary. It is good to have a pool of people to draw from at the meeting rather than being dependant on a few who may not always be able to be there.



**Above:** Roy and Janet Gwyther-Jones with their box of selected Mallees and Eucalypts for planting at Wycliffe, Kangaroo Ground. A donation from the APS YY Growers to the cause. We will provide an update on the community projects being supported by the APS YY Growers in the next issue.

**Opposite** - Loading the trailer for the trip to Warrnambool with Suzie just visible, Roula, Miriam & Suzie admiring their efforts, Miriam among the Prostantheras for sale at the Mattner Garden ( Image Chris Clarke), Michael roping up the tarp before setting off on the long trip. The plants arrived in great shape but one of the tyres on the tandem trailer was flat on arrival at the Mattner Garden & necessitated a trip to the tyre repair shop on Saturday morning. Next - Geelong!

### The APS YY Newsletter

#### Contributions from the members to the newsletter.

Like the APS Vic Quarterly Magazine – *Growing Australian* which is composed of many articles from members all over the State, our APS YY newsletter benefits from a variety of different voices. This can be a few sentences and some photos about a plant or animal/ insect/bird – something that has engaged you and that are happy to share with the membership. You do not need to write much, just a few notes – short and sweet is best.

**Revised issue dates:** The Newsletter will be as regular as I can make it depending on circumstances and the information at hand. This one needed to come in before Easter & the Plant Sales. I will email notice of impending deadlines for future issues.

You can email me on [miriamdfc30@gmail.com](mailto:miriamdfc30@gmail.com) or [apsyarrayarra@gmail.com](mailto:apsyarrayarra@gmail.com). Or send to our PO box - APS Yarra Yarra, PO Box 298, Eltham. 3095.

#### **This issue:**

Thank you to all those people who submitted reports & who submitted images.

Thank you to our proof readers - Jill Lulham & Sue Gwilym.

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