



Australian Plants Society Yarra Yarra Group Inc

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Newsletter August-September 2021

Latest News

You might be forgiven for thinking COVID-19 was the only issue that mattered. While it does and vaccination seems to be the key to opening up again we are also seeing extreme weather events in the Northern Hemisphere. COVID & these events remind us that the Earth is our, only one, planet & home. We are all connected in a global need to preserve and protect our home for ourselves and the generations that follow.



Membership Renewal: It is time to renew your membership and consider nominating for the Committee. Our AGM is coming up in August.

Neutrog Orders will close 9th August and will be delivered 3rd

September. Sue will be in touch with everyone via phone or text soon after to let you know when you can pick up.

ROTARY TREE PLANTING DAY. Rotary-club-supported plantings in the Diamond Creek area, if COVID restrictions permit, will go ahead on the weekend of 31/7 and 1/8. If members could commit to a morning or afternoon on either of these days to supervise and encourage the planters, it would be much appreciated. The intention is to plant 100 plants in two particular areas - the Diamond Creek Trail (Sat 31/7) & Challenger Creek Council Trail area (1/8). Please get in touch with Peter on 0425 798 275 or Cathy on 0409 706 610.



August 5

Thursday Speaker - Chris Clarke

Flora of Wilson's Promontory

Via Zoom You will be sent a link by the Secretary a few days prior. You just need to have Zoom downloaded to your computer. Our scheduled speaker Ben Hutchinson had to cancel due to COVID related pressures on his business. We hope to have him back early next year. We were fortunate that Chris could step up for us. In addition to what he tells us in this brief bio, Chris is the current President of APS Victoria.

I grew up in East Ringwood and started growing Australian plants in my teens. I've been a member of APS Keilor Plains for 16 years and have a life-long love of the bush, growing plants and photographing plants.

My photos of the Flora of the Prom were collected on several visits to the Prom with APS Keilor Plains but my love of the Prom started after riding my bike there and walking the circuit track with the scouts in 1970!



Images from Chris Clarke. Above - *Correa reflexa*, *Diplarena moraea* & Left - Norman Bay.

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APS VIC & APS YY Diary Dates

4 Sept 2021 – APS Wilson Park (Berwick) Plant Sale, Wilson Botanic Gardens, Berwick.

4 & 5 Sept - Open Gardens Victoria, APS Member Gardens - Donvale & Warrandyte - see p 12 for details

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

18 & 19 September 2021 – APS Bendigo Plant Show at Kangaroo Flat Primary School, Freeman Drive, Kangaroo Flat. 9.30 am to 4.00 pm both days. \$3 entry.

25 & 26 September 2021 – APS Grampians Group host APS Victoria COM Meeting & Quarterly Gathering.

2 & 3 October 2021 - APS Grampians Group Pomonal Native Flower Show, Pomonal Hall.

9 October 2021 - APS Echuca Moama Native Flower Showcase, Echuca Masonic Lodge Hall, 426 High Street, Echuca. A huge flower display, plant sales, floral art, Native Bonsai, basket weaving and other displays and demonstrations. 9 am - 4 pm.

9 & 10 Oct - Friends of Cranbourne Gardens (RMBGC) Spring Plant Sale - see p 12 for details.

16 October 2021 - APS Mitchell Annual Flower Expo and Sale, Memorial Hall, Kilmore.

23 & 24 October 2021 – APS Ballarat Spring Flower Show. Robert Clark Centre, Ballarat Botanic Gardens, Gilles Street, Ballarat. 10 am – 4 pm.

11 – 16 September 2022, ANPSA Biennial Conference 2022 – Kiama, New South Wales. Preliminary details of the Conference, pre- and post-Conference tours and the beautiful town of Kiama can be found on the APS (NSW) website.

26 to 30 September 2022 - 7th Global Botanic Gardens Congress, Melbourne. Influence and Action: Botanic Gardens as Agents of Change. Includes a youth program for future gardens' leaders aged 18 to 24.

15 & 16 October 2022 – 14th FJC Rogers Seminar. Topic: *Fabulous peas (the typical 'pea-flowered' plants from the sub-family Faboideae)*. York on Lilydale, 138 York Rd, Mount Evelyn VIC 3796. Expressions of interest and queries to fabulouspeas2022@gmail.com

APS YY Coming Speakers

Speakers

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: *Adventures of Bernie & Willie* - Ray Barnes & Mike Williams on their most recent WA adventure.

Thursday 2nd December: Christmas Party

More about our September Speaker:

Jordan Crook
Nature Campaigner, Victorian National Parks Association

Jordan's work focuses on the VNPA's campaigns to protect and care for our wildlife and wild places. His background in conservation work ranges from the ocean to the tall forest of the Central Highlands, and he has worked with all levels of government to get results for the natural world for many years. Jordan also teaches conservation and land management at a tertiary level and has an academic background in conservation and land management, arboriculture and training and assessment.



Greater Glider - Josh Bowell, Lerderberg River -Sandy Scheltema, VNPA website

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Sue Gwilym &
Cathy Mann

REMINDER Renewal of Membership & AGM

All membership renewals were due on **1st July** (except if you have joined us since January), so we would appreciate your prompt payment by either cash, cheque or EFT direct to our bank account, details of which are noted on the renewal form. We can accept payments by credit card via PayPal on our website, but please remember that the group pays fees on these transactions, **so EFT is our preferred option.**

The attached renewal form is a combined membership for Yarra Yarra group and APS Victoria. All monies are to be paid to Yarra Yarra group so **please disregard the APS membership form** that was sent out in your APS Victoria newsletter 'Growing Australian' and refer to the attached instead.

OUR AGM 5 August

5 August - APS Yarra Yarra AGM: Election of new Committee and Office bearers. Agenda and reports to be sent via email. Forms for nominating were sent out with the previous issue of APS YY news. **Only financial members** can vote so please ensure your membership is paid up before the AGM so you can vote.



Acacia brownii, Peter's Place, one of the local prickly acacia, very attractive

Miriam Ford &
Chris Long

Report- APS Vic June Committee of Management & July Growth and Development Meetings

A Grants scheme proposed by Chris Clarke, (developed from the Grants subcommittee research and recommendations), has been endorsed by the membership where a target of \$15,000 will be set aside from the reserves each year for the next three years. The actual amounts awarded will depend on the specific application and meeting the Grant scheme requirements.

On line membership via the APS Vic website for all District Groups is now well developed. The APS Vic webmaster, John King has put an enormous amount of work into this over the last year or so. Trials are currently underway. Members will log in with their email addresses and membership number as password. It is important to have all membership details up to date and efforts and all DG secretaries have been contacted to supply lists to enable accurate up to date information. All APS members will renew their membership and pay the fee directly to APS Vic. The funds due to each DG will then be transferred promptly on a monthly basis.

A Review of the Numbers within different District Groups has been undertaken with the assistance of Anne Langmaid, membership officer and Chris Long, APS Vic secretary. *Membership has remained fairly steady over the past 4 years but we can expect a decline as aged members die. A positive sign is that we are getting new members join each year.* The APS Vic Executive is discussing what might be done to support groups with lower numbers that are struggling. Often it is not an issue of funds, more one of people who are willing to occupy the essential positions on committee.

A comprehensive Survey of the APS membership is under development through the Growth and Development Committee. *The membership will be asked to give their ideas for improving APS Vic, the services it provides and to suggest changes required to create a vibrant society in the future.* Our organisation is aging and it is important that we learn how to attract younger people to the society. APS Vic is keen to hear about what support could be provided to regional groups and to new groups to grow their membership and how to improve communication and use of social media.

ANPSA 2024 – APS Vic is organising this biennial national meeting. It is going to be held at the Melbourne Convention centre and like several previous meetings will use the services of a Professional Conference Organiser. Ideas for Themes and Tours are being gathered and a request will go out for more members to join the sub-committee in 2022. **ANPSA 2022** Australian Flora – Past Present Future is being held by APS NSW at Kiama NSW on September 11 to 16.

The next APS Vic COMM & Quarterly meeting is at the Grampians on September 25 & 26.. See Page 2 for information. This meeting coincides with the 40th birthday of the Grampians Group. APS Vic is keen to have **at least one weekend quarterly** each year. APS Loddon Murray will host the weekend 24 & 25 September 2022.

FJC Rogers 2022. See pages for information on the next biennial APS Vic Fred Rogers Seminar– the 14th – on October 15 & 16, Fabulous Peas, hosted by APS Maroondah.

July 1 Zoom Meeting Report - Neutrog Nutrients

Unfortunately Helen was held hostage to a very unreliable internet connection which seriously compromised her presentation. After the meeting I asked her to give me some notes & images and here is what she came up with. There is also an inset of a very helpful response she gave to John's query. I have already adapted it into my approach (Ed).

Neutrog began business in 1988, initially servicing the commercial market. As the business has developed over the years, they have entered new markets, including retail and export. However, commercial is still by far, the largest part of their annual tonnage. Their products are used extensively in horticulture and viticulture to prepare the soil for new crops and these products include Bounce Back, Rapid Raiser, Seamungus and Gyganic. Quite possibly, the fruit and veggies which you purchase may have been grown in part, on a Neutrog product.

The usual method for bringing a new product to market is by trial with a key garden society or farming group, which is how Bush Tucker came to be trialled by various APS groups. After 3 years APS Victoria began to endorse the product and as of July 1st 2021, APS NSW will be doing so as well, which is very exciting. Part of the endorsement agreement is that members from each region may purchase from a wide range of products through the online store. This is to thank the members for the support and ongoing advocacy to the wider gardening community.

Angus Stewart & Simon Leake conducted formal trials which dramatically showed the importance and benefits of fertilising natives. Angus has now moved to Tasmania and has a farm on which he is growing and extensively planting a diverse range of native plants. He has a number of purposes for doing so and this includes plants with fragrant foliage for the extraction of their oils which then go through his distillery and into his range of beautiful native botanicals www.pureoilsoftasmania.com.au Angus is also growing native plants for the cut flower market and has had some dramatic results in growth with plants fed with Bush Tucker and Gogo Juice. In fact, he is using more and more Gogo Juice to ensure that his soils are populated with beneficial bacteria.

The Royal Botanic Gardens of Cranbourne have been long term users of Neutrog products and they also used Bush Tucker when it was still under trial. It is now regularly used with Neutrog commenting to us, "that when the Head of Horticulture phones to say how vibrant, floriferous and beautiful the kangaroo paws are this year, that that is such exciting news".

Bush Tucker can be used at planting or for established gardens. If using at planting, dig the hole as you usually would, mix a little BT through the soil; cover with fresh untreated soil which allows the roots to grow down into the fertiliser. Your other option is to broadcast. Watering in with Gogo Juice is efficacious – you will be literally populating your soils with billions of beneficial bacteria. These great bugs will eat and digest all organic matter and turn it into a nutritional form which the plant will

uptake. GGJ can be used as often as fortnightly if you wish and BT on a seasonal basis. During your gardens down time Seamungus is a great all rounder. It will hold up to 70% of its own weight in moisture once it has broken down. It is available as a liquid or a pellet and the liquid is a fortnightly option and the pellet a 6-8 weekly option.

Neutrog would love to hear from you if you've any queries and also appreciate your support, your "spreading the word" with your advocacy and keep in mind that if you've had something wonderfully exciting happen in your garden they'd love to feature you on Facebook or Instagram.

Helen Lovel / Customer Relationship Manager
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Video link:
<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=4275839252448217>



**Images
courtesy of Helen & Neutrog**



Images: Angus Stewart and his dog Obi on his property in Tasmania - various plantings using & trialling various Neutrog Products.

**Helen Lovel in
conversation with John
Walkley who requested
some particular advice**

Hi John

Thank you very much for your kind words – I did feel bad that your members were unable to enjoy a proper presentation, but I've had a few contact me with similar kind words to you & I really appreciate that. I would suggest the following, John.

1. Pricking out from seed trays to small individual pots until needing potting on

Apply Seamungus crumble and water in with Gogo Juice. Water with Gogo Juice whenever the pots need watering (or as often as fortnightly)

2. Holding in supertubes for say 1 year

Once established apply a very light application of Bush Tucker at ¼ the recommended rate for that of a ground grown plant. During the more quiet growth time for the plants apply Seamungus crumble. Apply Gogo Juice fortnightly, or whenever they need watering

3. Planting out (including ground preparation ahead of the event if recommended)

Prepare your soil by incorporating Seamungus (either crumble or pellets) throughout the soil. When planting, dig hole as per usual, apply Bush Tucker in the bottom of the hole, cover with fresh untreated soil and allow roots to grow down into the Bush Tucker. Apply Gogo Juice every fortnight or whenever plants require water.

4. Maintenance

Apply Bush Tucker every season & during the plants "more quiet/down time", apply Seamungus – either green or pellets. Again, apply Gogo Juice whenever possible.

Report from La Trobe University Wildlife Sanctuary -now Nangak Tamboree Wildlife Sanctuary

The Project:

A significant component of the local population of *Dianella amoena* on La Trobe University land and surrounds has been mapped and site locations will be provided to the ALA (Atlas of Living Australia) which can be accessed by Government agencies and Environmental consultants for environmental reporting. Genotypes have been analysed through an honours project under Dr Susan Hoebee and Dr Nick Murphy within the Department of Ecology, Environment and Evolution, La Trobe University.

A captive population has been established for conservation of this endangered species (also, future propagated progeny will be available to land managers, reducing the need for collection from wild populations) and maternal lines able to be tracked. A successful collaboration has been formed between Friends of the Wildlife Reserves Incorporated, Nangak Tamboree Wildlife Sanctuary (formerly La Trobe Wildlife Sanctuary), and the Australian Plant Society 'Yarra Yarra' group in partnership with the La Trobe University Department of Ecology, Environment and Evolution who are supervising the project being undertaken.

Project Outcomes:

It has been noted that there could be as few as 1400 known/listed individuals of *Dianella amoena* remaining in the wild in Victoria. We were able to determine the number of genetically distinct individuals at each site that was sampled around the La Trobe University area.

We now have a much better understanding of how many unique individuals of *Dianella amoena* make up the local populations in the Red Gum Grassy Woodland habitats around La Trobe University and the surrounding. This has enabled the ability to capture as much genetic diversity as possible for the seed orchard. We have essentially been able to connect all the populations together into a captive situation at the Nangak Tamboree Wildlife Sanctuary, where natural pollinators (ie. Blue Banded Bees) can access flowers from all individuals in close proximity. These plants will then produce offspring which will be used to plant in and around the existing remnant populations so that as much diversity as possible occurs on site leading to the production of genetically diverse seed in the field and enabling the species to regenerate naturally.

Having the plants in a captive situation within a seed orchard means that we can keep an eye on any pests or pathogens that may affect the seed output of the plants. The staff at the Nangak Tamboree Wildlife Sanctuary will look after these plants and the wicking bed infrastructure into the future and maintain or replace the wicking beds



as they age to ensure this species remains as a captive representation of the local genetics.

The ability to provide viable genetically diverse plants to local revegetation projects and the general public in the

future will assist in raising awareness of this endangered species. This project also highlighted the fact that *Dianella amoena* is polyploid, the initial samples showed hexaploidy (six sets of chromosomes) in the genome which may have implications for genetic enrichment activities. The honours student (Mandy) supervised as part of this project has gone on to study a Masters project furthering our knowledge of the ploidal status of this species from a much wider sampling and these results will further inform our project.



Dianella amoena is a relatively easy species to germinate and grow in a nursery if viable seed is available. Progeny from these plants both in the reserve and the seed orchard will be used around the university in enrichment and restoration projects to help conserve and re-connect the fragmented population that exists. We expect to collect the first seed from these plants in January 2022.



Bill & Sue *

14th FJC Rogers
Seminar - 15 & 16 October 2022

Fabulous Peas 2022 Discover the extraordinary world of Australian pea plants. Hosted: Australian Plants Society Maroondah Inc.

Saturday York on Lilydale, Mount Evelyn. Speakers with expertise in identifying, growing and propagating peas. Learn about current research into propagation and growing-on techniques. Evening dinner and an entertaining speaker. Plant sales of common and unusual pea species. Book sales. Displays. Raffle.

Sunday Coach tours to public and private native gardens which include a wide variety of pea species. Art exhibition and sale featuring pea plants from 8th – 16th October at Karwarra Australian Botanic Garden. Plant sales.

Expressions of interest: fabulouspeas2022@gmail.com

<https://apsvic.org.au/fjc-rogers-seminar-2022/>



Images - Clockwise - *Chorizema diversifolium*,
Gompholobium huegelii (Images by Ivan
Margitta) *Gompholobium knightianum* Pink
Pea (Peter Rogers).

There will be an article in the September
issue of *Growing Australian* introducing us,
in more detail, to the various members of
this Faboideae subfamily within the Pea
-FABACEAE - family. * This information has
been provided by Bill Aitchison & Sue Guymer.

**Peter's Place - The Will We
Won't We - Yes! We can! Garden Visit - Sunday July 11**

This garden visit had been affected by the COVID restrictions of Lockdown # 4 but fortunately for those of us who attended we were able to visit before Lockdown #5. There were two groups who attended, one in the morning - Sonia, Anita & Brenda and the other in the afternoon - The Coopers, Kevin and Alice Ley, Ray Barnes, Jenny and myself. So as to gather up a report that reflected the views of those who visited I sent out a request for feedback and here it is. I had no real idea of the scope of the garden, the variety of unusual plantings & how creatively they have been put together - it was a delight. Some images are here but there are others dotted throughout this issue along with my impressions. **Miriam Ford**

Peter Smith: The block faces north-east and was largely cleared up the top half for the late fifties house and the mid sixties bungalow. Two lovely large long-leafed box (*Euc. gonicalyx*) and several red box (*Euc. polyanthemos*) were retained.

Several "Spotty gums" and other "exotics", and the grassed areas (including the nature strip) were removed and the subsequent plantings reflect my abiding interest in "Oz" plants from all over the place. I try to incorporate indigenous plants wherever I can and the hotter summers often thin out my more "exotic" natives (although grafting now gives them a better chance).

My job as a landscaper, and my time with designers Bev Hanson and Merele Webb have taught me not to overstate any one element eg. rocks or plants, but to use all elements in a complementary fashion. I think that I am achieving this although sometimes I wonder..? I have also been somewhat spoilt in having access to soil and rocks.



Pete's Shed, *Anigozanthus* sp in foreground, *Hakea orthorrhyncha* & *Thryptomene baeckeacea*



Sonia Gatti I loved Peter's garden. It was not a highly manicured garden but more of a naturalistic garden. It was a lovely mixture of established older trees/ shrubs and fresh new planting. It made me aware of the importance of renewal in a garden. I loved his creative use of old tree branches as edging for paths, railings and garden sculptures. Very quirky!

Plants that stood out for me were his Banksias, his prostrate Birthday Candles was stunning. A particularly memorable spot in his back garden was a garden seat overlooking beautiful views shaded by a slim stooping flowering gum. The tree looked like a lampshade over an armchair. Also was fascinated by his fire bunker buried in a mound of dirt and covered with grevilleas and eremophilas.



Jenny Hedley Impressions of Peter's place. Wonderful rocks! The great set of rock steps from the lower drive to the flatter area with a small table and chairs just below the house as well as the very large rock near the base of the steps. Some lovely and healthy looking plants, not all of which we, between us, could name. Lots of little paths at the front with surprise plantings to come across. A box of limes at the door for us to help ourselves. Some drizzle which put a slight dampener on proceedings, but an enjoyable afternoon, with a generous host.

Anita Bourke. I visited Peter's garden on a biting cold Sunday morning and the trip was well worth braving the penetrating cold and threatening rain.

The garden is on a hill and has the feel of the Australian bush, with small paths winding through, and a lovely variety of trees, shrubs and groundcovers. I was particularly impressed by two huge Doryanthes in the back garden - *D. excelsa*, the Gynea Lily, and *D. palmeri*, the Spear Lily - impressed and gob-smacked by their size. There is a small one in a pot on my verandah, waiting to be planted, and having now seen Peter's I have to revise its planned planting site. If it grows that big it will be the feature plant of the garden - and a very interesting specimen plant it will make. Thank you Peter for sharing your beautiful garden.

I never thought that I would be president of a group. On joining the YY committee, I quickly realised the responsibilities that each of us has in being a member of a Society. I also realised that we are all as important as one another and that even the smallest contribution goes a long way.

This year has been unremarkable in many ways, after the mammoth efforts of the previous year -hosting the Fred Rogers seminar. But the combined efforts of a resilient body of seasoned members and of the emerging newer members augur well for the future of APSYY.

The Growers' Group lost their base at La Trobe but pushed on regardless and by all accounts are doing well. The Autumn Plant Sale, entering new territory at the Big Hall, showed us that we are on the right track, with lots of people attending, lots of plants sold and several new members signing up. The success of the plant sale showed that gardening is indeed the remedy for lockdown.

In-person meetings have staggered along, interspersed with Zooms, making us more aware of the need for personal contact. Presenters have pushed aside technical and health issues in order to inspire us.

Garden visits have been hampered a little but again the Group's enthusiasm has been shown. Small but intrepid numbers have ventured out. Our new member from W.A., Bel Matthews, came to the fore and volunteered to write up the reports. New and unfamiliar with the "scene", Bel was keen to learn and to share.

Sue and Miriam seemingly always stepping into the fray, finding solutions. Jill and Mike W continue their work to bring the Expo to life year after year. Anita, Carmen and Suzie make themselves available whenever needed. Jenny and Graeme, currently updating our library and Graeme also contributing his IT expertise to the task of cataloging plants for Growers' Group.

Mike R and Rob, our 'old salt' Tech Team anchormen, ensure great presentations. Cathy M took on the job of Secretary at short notice and is making her mark. Suzanne, Brenda and Robert Cooper(Covid marshall) manning the tables, Ben the camera, Col and Pattie the sweepers and Kevin, chairing the all important AGMs. With these people as crew, the job of president is a breeze.

Financially we are healthy. With good management and with past support from Humes Bricks & Pavers, adding cement to the foundations through difficult times, we are now in a position to give support to others with generous donations to the East Gippsland bushfire Recovery and Rainforest Rescue funds. The efforts and donations from the Growers' Group also stand out.

Hopefully we can continue to meet the big challenges but, just as importantly share the common enjoyment we get as a group working together with plants and gardens in common. Here I'd like to acknowledge Miriam for the excellent newsletters that keep us informed and in touch. In closing, thank you to all those who I have not mentioned - all our volunteers are greatly appreciated.



**A visit to the
Melton Botanic Garden - June 29**

At the July zoom with Helen Lovel I showed a short video of a recent visit to the Melton Botanic Garden. It was a Tuesday and I had 'booked ahead' a lunch date & subsequent tour with some of the Friends of the MBG that I know - David and Barb Pye, Anne Langmaid and Linda. The nursery is also open at that time and so, once again, I picked up a few lovelies. They have a great range and I would recommend visiting when you can, several times a year is best to capture the extraordinary range and beauty of the plants growing there.

On the day we went it just happened to be the 10 year anniversary of the planting of the Dryland Eucalypts Arboretum. What a wonder that is.

The images above are Siegfroidia darwinoides & Commersonia magniflora. On page 11 clockwise from the top - Eucalyptus preissiana lobata buds, E. preissiana ssp lobata fruits, Hakea nitida (the Frog Hakea) warty fruits, Hakea invaginata, Hakea acuminata & E. pterocarpa lovely fluted buds.



Two Weekend Diary Dates Well Worth Considering:

Sept 4 & 5. Two APS member Gardens in the Open Gardens Victoria scheme come highly recommended. The Donvale garden belongs to Sue Guymer and Bill Aitchison and the Warrandyte garden belongs to Bev and John Hanson. Further details on the OGV website opengardensvictoria.org.au. Bill & Sue need people to help on the gate, with plant sales, book sales and answering questions in the garden. If you can spare some time over the weekend of 4th and 5th September, please contact them on aitchguy@gmail.com or ring 9872 3583. See attached flyers



Donvale



Warrandyte

(Reminder if COVID Restrictions permit)

**Big Day Out Garden Visit -
Jeanine Petts & Family, Sunday 15 August.**

Wattle Gum Forest Farm in Pyalong.

Where: 2320 Seymour Pyalong Rd, Pyalong, Vic.

Wattle Gum Forest Farm is a 33 acre rural property situated a little outside the town boundary of Pyalong, and is nestled in a quiet valley that feeds into Mollison Creek.

The farm has a focus on conservation, is a constant work in progress, and was accepted into the DELWP Land For Wildlife program in 2019. It is also one of the inaugural members of the Gardens for Wildlife program facilitated by APS Mitchell.

More details will be forthcoming once the current COVID situation is resolved. Stay Tuned!

Oct 9 & 10. Cranbourne Friends Plant Sale October 10:00 am – 4:00pm. Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria Cranbourne. Free entry rbgfriendscranbourne.org.au The plant sale will be held near the Kiosk at the northern end of the Australian Garden. Parking and entry is available nearby (look for the large red banners). A large variety of Australian native plants will be available. A plant list will be available on our website approximately a week before the sale. EFTPOS is available. See attached flyer.



The APS YY Newsletter

New Editor for 2022 - This job is up for grabs next year. I have other responsibilities at the State level now and will not continue after the last issue for 2021. A good level of competency with computer related tasks such as Word & email programs, some facility with images is helpful. You are welcome to discuss with members of committee, Sue Gwilym or myself.

Contributions from the members to the newsletter.

This particular issue of APS YY newsletter benefits from a variety of different voices. Thank you to all the contributors, keep them coming.

September Issue due date - Friday, August 20

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This issue:

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