



# AUSTRALIAN PLANT SOCIETY

## Yarra Yarra Group Inc.

(Incorporation No: A0039676Y)

### Newsletter May – June - 2022

#### Latest News

*Dear members, I hope you have enjoyed Autumn in your garden. Always such a busy time. I have been busy planting out tube stock that I bought at our plant sale, so satisfying. Now I am hoping to sit back and watch my plants flourish!*

*A warm welcome to new members James Dawson, Julie Allen, Kate Williams and Nerise Proctor. Your involvement is valued.*

#### Membership Renewals Due from 1<sup>st</sup> July

Unless you joined us after 1<sup>st</sup> January this year, your membership renewal will be due after 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022. We ask that you do not pay before 1<sup>st</sup> July so that it will fall in the correct financial year for our accounting.

We have attached a renewal form, so please use ours to renew your membership and not the form which will be sent out by APS Victoria with the June Growing Australian newsletter.

To be a member of Yarra Yarra you must also be a member of APS Victoria for insurance purposes and other great benefits. Neither Yarra Yarra nor APS Victoria have increased membership fees this year.

The quarterly journal 'Australian Plants' is optional, so please circle your preference on

the renewal form if you would like it included with your membership. The quarterly newsletter 'Growing Australian' is included for free with your APS Victoria membership.

#### Ways to pay your membership:

1. Pay in cash at the July meeting
2. By Electronic Funds Transfer (details on the attached form)
3. Make a deposit at any Bendigo Bank branch using the bank account number on the renewal form.
4. Cheque posted to our PO Box 298, Eltham 3095, with your form.
5. By credit/debit card via Paypal on our website:

<https://apsyarrayarra.org.au/membership/join/>

Payment via credit/debit card does cost the group in fees, so methods 1-4 are preferred.

Thank you and if you have any questions, please call your Treasurer, Sue Gwilym, on 0401250331 or email [yarrayarra@apsvic.org.au](mailto:yarrayarra@apsvic.org.au)

**APS Yarra Yarra AGM will be held on Thursday 4th August at the Mummery Room, Edendale Farm at 8pm. Nomination forms, proxy forms and other reports from the last AGM will be sent out closer to time. Please consider volunteering for the Committee - many hands make light work for everyone. Thank you.**

**APS Yarra Yarra Autumn Plant Sale.  
Report by Peter Smith, Sonia Gatti and Sue Gwilym**

According to Peter it was the "What Brings Us Together" Sale!

Despite COVID limitations, our annual plant sale was a great success. After two years of lockdown it felt so good to be part of a public event. The preparation was done mostly by Jill Lulham with some help from Mike W. Many thanks to them both. Of course there were many other helpers on the Friday and Saturday. It was, as always, a team effort.

Luckily there had been some rain beforehand after the long dry... and on the Saturday morning the sun shone and people turned up! A small crowd was queuing outside the front door before opening time. There were 576 tickets given out at the door. That number does not include our own members, stall holders and probably not children.

Stall holders were busy for most of the day, and business was brisk. As well as our own Growers Group and member plant sellers, such as Mike Williams, Noel Gaskett, Miriam Ford, Chris Fletcher, Chris Krolikowski, Neil Duncan and Russell Wait, we were joined by Edendale Farm Nursery, Sunvalley Plants Nursery, Goldfields Revegetation and Vaughan's Australian Plants. Unfortunately the coffee van that was arranged for the day, cancelled at very short notice due to a breakdown on the road. However, the reliable scouts were there with their popular sausage sizzle.

Due to trading difficulties for the nurseries during the lockdowns, we lowered our stallholder fees for this event. Overall income was approximately \$8,500 and outgoings \$8,000, so only a small boost for our group financially. However, we gained some new members and the public got to enjoy the opportunity of purchasing from a vast range of beautiful native plants. In end, the promotion of native flora is our prime objective.

By and large an enjoyable day had by all. A Big Thank You to all of those involved. Hopefully we can repeat the procedure for the EXPO, which Jill already has "in motion".

**Photos of the Plant Sale.**



*Set up at the Eltham Community Reception Centre.  
Photo by Miriam Ford*



*Set up. Photo by Miriam Ford*



*Above two photos by Jill Lulham*

**Next Meeting**  
**Thursday June 2**

**Our speaker for our next meeting on June 2 will be David Smith, from TreeProject, a Volunteer Tree Growers' network**

TreeProject gets urban and rural communities working together to put trees back on the land. Their network of trained volunteers grows indigenous seedlings for rural landholders and Landcare groups who need our help with revegetation. They are restoring urgently needed indigenous vegetation and repairing Victoria's damaged ecosystems.



In this talk, David will explain how TreeProject volunteers contribute their time and hard work to propagate and care for seedlings of indigenous trees, shrubs and grasses in their own backyards. For landholders, being able to access 'at-cost' seedlings from TreeProject is often all the incentive and encouragement they need to start restoring degraded areas. Since 1989 TreeProject has sown 2 million trees.

David grew up in western Victoria when it was stony rises, unploughed swamps with broilga, and birds of many kinds. His father started planting trees in the early 80s and kept one small swamp for the tussocks and birds. Over the years of travelling around Victoria, and also through involvement in rogaining, bushwalking and running in diverse forest and

farm country, he saw the effects of some types of land use: erosion, landslip, feral plants and animals, and senescent trees with no young trees appearing. In the late 80s he was introduced to Men of The Trees and then to TreeProject. Growing trees seemed a practical way to be involved in land care and to actually do something and he has been a volunteer grower for some 30 years, with a short break in late 90s.

### **Book Sale**

#### **Message from our librarian Jenny Hedley.**

Our Committee wanted our library to be updated as some of the books were quite old. With help from Bill and Sue, I have been able to buy quite a number of new books. Also a number have been donated to us.

Consequently the shelves are full and so our Committee has approved selling to our members some of the surplus older books. These will be offered at the next meeting, (6 June) for a small price. \$2 - \$5 was the suggested amount.

### **Missing Book**

Before Covid, Lyhn Barfield borrowed a book, 'Flowers of Anglesea and Aireys Inlet'. She thinks she may have passed it on to someone to return on her behalf. If anyone has this book, please return to Jenny asap.

### **The speaker for our meeting Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July will be Steve Sinclair, Plant Ecologist at the Arthur Rylah Institute. He will talk on Native Grasslands.**

Grasslands once covered much of Victoria's lowland plains. They were a rich environment that supported many species of plants and animals and were managed by traditional owners for 1000s of years. Grasslands occupy fertile and flat places, so they are attractive for grazing and cropping. Sadly, most grasslands in Victoria have been destroyed or degraded since colonisation, and many of their resident species are now threatened. This makes the remnants that do survive all the more precious.



In this talk, Steve will explore why grasslands are grasslands, and why they occur where they do. He will introduce you to many of the species that occupy them and talk about how the system functions. He will also talk about the many problems grasslands face, and some of the actions that are occurring to try to halt their decline. Specifically, he will talk about the establishment of new reserves on Melbourne's outer fringe.

Steve has been interested in natural history since he was a small child in Mount Waverley. Steve completed a PhD at Monash University, studying how plants produce anti-herbivore chemicals. Steve started working at the Arthur Rylah Institute for Environmental Research (ARI) in 2003. At ARI, Steve has worked on many field-based projects throughout Victoria, to New South Wales and Inner Asia. Since 2010, Steve has worked on the establishment and management of new Conservation Areas on Melbourne's urban fringe, mostly in grasslands. Steve is still as interested in natural history as he ever was.



## Flower Table

All photos by Ben Eaton

### APRIL FLOWER TABLE

#### RHAMNACEAE FAMILY



*Spyridium parvifolium* – Dusty Miller



*Siegfriedia darwinioides*

**LAMIACEAE FAMILY**



Hemiandra pungens – Snake bush



Acacia fauntleroyi

**PROTEACEAE FAMILY**



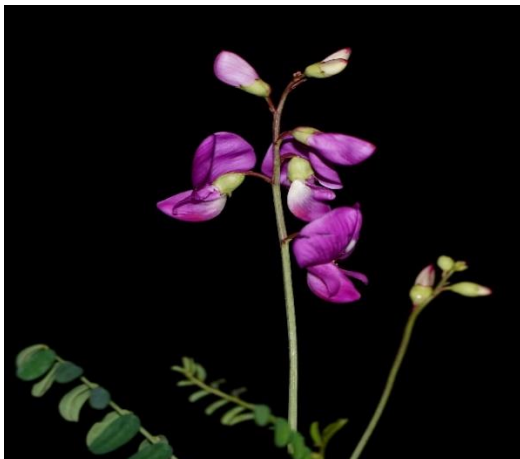
Stenocarpus sinuatus - Firewheel Tree

**SCROPHULARIACEAE FAMILY**



Eremophila debilis

**FABACEAE FAMILY**



Swainsona galegifolia – Darling Pea



Eremophila maculata 'Aurea'



Correa 'Red Empress'?

**MAY FLOWER TABLE**

**MYRTACEAE FAMILY**



*Thryptomene baeckeacea?*

**LAMIACEAE FAMILY**



*Westringia longifolia*

**SCROPHULARIACEAE FAMILY**



*Eremophila 'Piccaninny Dawn'*

**RUTACEAE FAMILY**



*Crowea exalata*



*Diploelaena grandiflora* - Wild Rose.

**FABACEAE FAMILY**



*Templetonia rutaceae* – Cockey's Tongue

## ORCHIDACEAE FAMILY



Orchids (hybrids) from Chris K.

## PROTEACEAE FAMILY



Grevillea 'Spirit of Anzac'



Grevillea 'Pink Surprise'

## Diary Dates 2022

**June APS Vic COM** – North Shepparton Community & Learning Centre, 10/14 Parkside Drive, Shepparton. Registrations from 9:30. Meeting 10am to 12 noon. Garden visit to

Drew Baglin's garden, Kialla. For more info call Jenny Polinelli – 03 58298416.

**25 & 26 June** – APS Ballarat Winter Flower Show. Robert Clark Centre, Ballarat Botanic Gardens, Gilles Street, Ballarat. 10am – 4pm.

**23 & 24 July**– Cranbourne Friends Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria's Winter Plant Sale, Australian Garden, Cranbourne. 10am to 4pm. Plant list available one week before sale. Free entry. Website: [rbgfriendscranbourne.org.au](http://rbgfriendscranbourne.org.au)

**27 & 28 August** - APS Yarra Australian Plants Expo. Eltham Community & Reception Centre, 801 Main Road Eltham. 10.00am - 4.00pm both days

**1 September** – Wimmera Biodiversity Seminar, Pomonal. A one day in person event but may be made available online. Follow on Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/wimmerabiodiversityseminar>.

**3 September** - APS Wilson Park (Berwick) Plant Sale. At Wilson's Botanic Gardens, Berwick in conjunction with City of Casey Garden Expo.

**11 & 16 September** - ANPSA Biennial Conference 2022. Kiama, New South Wales. Preliminary details of the Conference, pre- and post-Conference tours and information can be found on the APS (NSW) website. Registrations now open.

**24 & 25 September** – APS Bendigo Flower Show, Victory Christian College, Kairn Road, Strathdale, Bendigo. 9.30am to 4.00pm. \$5 entry.

**1 & 2 October** – APS Grampians Group Pomonal Native Flower show, Pomonal Hall. 9.30am – 5.00pm on Saturday, 10.00am – 4.00pm Sunday.

**8 October** – APS Echuca Moama Native Flower Showcase, Echuca Masonic Lodge Hall, 426 High St , Echuca.

**15 October** – APS Mitchell Annual Flower Expo & Sale, 9am – 3pm. Memorial hall, Sydney St, Kilmore. \$2.00 entry.

**15 & 16 October** – 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](mailto:fabulouspeas2022@gmail.com)

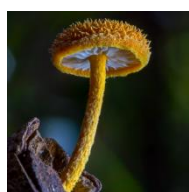
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## 2022 Speakers

**Dr Sapphire McMullan-Fisher, FungiEcology, General Meeting Feb 3, (on zoom)**

*This is a fascinating topic and Dr Sapphire McMullan Fisher’s talk tried to simplify the complex science as much as possible so that science dummies like myself could get an understanding of how important fungi is to the growth and survival of our native flora. One thing I learnt was that the probable reason my Epacris impressa is not growing well is that it does not have the appropriate fungi partners in the soil. To learn more read Miriam Ford’s comprehensive summary below and/or go to the website <https://fungi4land.com/>*



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## Report by Miriam Ford

**Mates- mycorrhizal and endophytes are fungi that plants need to survive.**

Fungi explore their habitat through large arrays of rapidly growing, sparsely branched hyphae (the threads, a collection of which is called the mycelium) which are all underneath the ground. We just see the fruiting bodies i.e. the mushrooms. They are a Kingdom in their own right with an enormous number of species that have different & crucial roles in nature. Sapphire focussed on their roles as plant partners but initially mentioned the importance of their other ecological roles such as general decomposition for nutrient recycling, the role of fungal hyphae in good soil structure, water retention and nutrient availability, food for animals such as ground-dwelling bandicoots, bettongs & others.

**Mycorrhizal fungi & plants trade resources.** Fungal hyphae wrap around plant roots and may even enter them. They provide water and nutrients and protect the roots. When you plant plants they get their root area down into the soil and the helpful finely branched mycelium network builds up around the roots system. Ninety percent of terrestrial plants need fungal support. When you walk across the landscape myriads of different mycelia are underfoot and at work. Fungi are very sensitive to pollution which has impacted upon these underground systems. There are non-mycorrhizal plants such as Proteaceae, Cyperaceae, Rushes, Brassicas, some saltbush, carnivorous and marine species.

**Endomycorrhizea** – the early lineages evolved to have multiple associations and in so doing increased the stability of systems. Research has revealed that it is the Arbuscular mycorrhizae (AM) that allow our plants to communicate and share sugars. It is a physical connection on & within the roots of plants that permits this sharing. Our knowledge of our mycorrhizal network is very limited and so when we clear areas we can’t appreciate the extent of the loss to the



ecosystem. Many species must have the correct fungal partner – some relationships are very specific e.g. heaths & orchids. Orchid seeds are so fine they cannot germinate without fungi, many seedlings are unable to photosynthesize and require the hyphal coils (pelotons) in the cortex cells of their roots. Some orchids get their nutrition from log rotting i.e. the wood-rot fungi that decompose logs.

**Ectomycorrhizea (ECM)** – trees & shrubs, woody species partner with the mushroom shaped ones. Mosses while not mycorrhizal have something going on with fungi, the nutrient sharing is still to be elucidated. A healthy tree will have hundreds of partnerships during their lifetime. Remnant forests are areas where fungal networks have remained undisturbed. The largest single living organism is a fungi in an Aspen Forest, Oregon, USA. This single genetic individual is the size of a suburb, well over 1000 hectares in area and is estimated to be some 8 to 10,000 years old. However patches are now dying off because humans killed the wolves that killed the deer which has allowed the deer population to expand which then eats the young aspens which can no longer grow to feed the underground network (breathe!)– an all too familiar story. Humans are killing a partnership that has lasted 10,000 yrs.

**Facultative mycorrhizal associations.** The Fabaceae family are Australian leguminous plants. They fix nitrogen and form multiple facultative associations with mycorrhiza within the AM, ECM and other categories aforementioned. Truffle like fungi are eaten by bandicoots, bettongs, potoroos, woylies & others. These are specialists and rely on fungi for successful breeding – captive breeding program now know to add store bought mushrooms to their diet. These ground dwelling marsupials are essential vectors i.e. they spread the fungal spores and their populations are under serious threat from feral species and climate change.

**Mycorrhiza fight global warming** – healthy mycorrhizal networks are carbon sinks. Healthy soils hold 70% more carbon than the trees that live on them. A long healthy undisturbed ecosystem is a carbon sink. Stop disturbing the soil, preserve our precious remnants.

**Mycorrhiza & Restoration** – all commercial inoculants currently available here **do not** support our native plants. They are often from the northern hemisphere and most probably are supporting weed species. DON'T use them. So how can we manage our landscape to help? Through a diversity of Australian flora, mulch is useful but in balance as it may suppress some mycorrhiza. Protect or introduce vector species such as small ground-dwelling marsupials. Sapphire concluded her presentation with these suggestions - joining project Fungimap Australia & her book Fungi4Land.

## **Bev Hanson - Landscaping in the Natural Style, General Meeting 7 April.**

### **Report by Cathy Mann**

Principles of Bev's garden designs:

Make it interesting – with pathways curving and disappearing to lead you on to see what's around the corner.

Laying the ground work is always the first step; any drainage issues, good or bad must be taken into account in these first steps and drainage supplied if necessary.

Use the soil that's there in preference to importing soil – use the top layers from any excavation for paths, pond etc. to build up mounds for planting.

Using borrowed landscapes if possible – from next door or framing vistas – this is especially useful in small gardens.

Layering plants with taller trees and shrubs at the rear; the middle layer of medium shrubs and the small plants and ground covers in the front.

Rocks are an important part of Bev's landscape designs and must look natural – the correct face must be chosen especially if using for steps; you need the flattest contour; plants should be nestled in with the rocks but not cover them up.

Consider the house windows and ensure there are nice garden views from every window if possible.

Embankments need not be straight although people often make them so – they are much more interesting with curves and garden beds supported with rocks and LOTS of plants!

Water in the garden can be soothing, restful and provide habitat – Bev uses butyl liner for ponds with pebbles to hide it and rocks and plants to create interest – the bigger the scale of the pond, the bigger the rocks need to be; frogs will take care of mozzie wrigglers

Bev showed us many slides of works in progress and the finished design – it was fascinating to see her design ideas being put into practice. She mentioned the Peace Wall and Garden at the Warrandyte Uniting Church – sounds like it is well worth a look. More information about it here: <https://fiveleafecoawards.org/churches-involved/5-2/>

**Roy & Jeanne Raleigh from Wartook Gardens**  
- Lesser known plants for the garden.  
General Meeting 5 May.

**Report by Sue Gwilym**

Royce delighted us with a slide show full of amazing, colourful native plants - some from Wartook Gardens and some from trips to WA. Jeanne added her insights too and told us about the 70 acres of paddocks in Wartook Valley they bought in 1973. They built their own house, then proceeded to design and plant out the garden which contains over 1000 native plants. They have recorded 115 species of birds enjoying the plants. Some of the many plants we saw are listed below – it was hard to choose!



## 2022 Garden Visits



### Fungi Foray Sunday 19 June at 10:30 am

Meet at 10.15. Wanderslore Sanctuary, 2180 Warburton Highway, Launching Place (Mel Map 287 J6 ) Park behind the General Store. We are accompanying the Field Naturalists. People may want to pack a lunch. There is a bakery back a little way off the highway- Centella Place. Please let Peter know beforehand if you can come along (0425 798 275)

### Joyce Garden, Sunday July 3 at 2.00pm

57 O' Briens Lane, Templestowe. The garden is a Paul Thompson designed garden (Paul Thompson designed the Cranbourne Botanical Gardens). It was established about 30 years go on a 1 acre site. It's a natural bushland design with a wetland.

Highlights include a wetland with many xanthorrhoea - grass trees  
Wooden walkway traverses the wetland  
Beautiful rockwork and swale  
Gentle flowing garden beds.

### Bev Hanson, Warrandyte 10 April Report by Sue Gwilym

Following Bev's talk at our April meeting, we were thrilled to be invited to view her garden and see her design principles in action. On a lovely warm day 14 members made their way out to Warrandyte to be shown through Bev's lovely bush garden.

Bev and John bought their 10 acre block in 1969, built their house in 1971 and started developing the foundations of the garden in 1972. Bev showed us pictures of where it all began with earthworks and soil from the ponds dug out of the clay used to create mounded gardens around the house. Bev,

now retired, had a long and successful career in garden design and worked with Ellis Stones, who influenced her own natural style of design. Using large rocks and taking advantage of the lay of the land, Bev has created different “rooms” in the garden, with winding paths that leads one to discover new vistas around each corner. The view from inside the lounge room looking out of large picture windows invites your gaze up a path planted with small ground covers and graduating to larger shrubs and a feature *Acacia vestita* which was just covered in buds and will be stunning in Spring.

Bev’s garden merges into the local bush contained within her property and is bordered on two sides by State Park. The design sits within the bush environment and emphasises the creation of habitat for native animals and local flora. Bev spoke of the land management required, with controlled burns and control of pest animals such as rabbits and more recently problems with deer.

Water is an important element near the house with a series of ponds on the shady side, home to ferns and orchids, nestled into rocks placed throughout, which provide ideal habitat for frogs and the many small birds that visit their garden, with an Eastern Spinebill seen visiting an *Eremophila* and Fairy Wrens hopping around near the ponds. Larger birds and animals are catered for as well, with many nesting boxes built by their son Peter placed in old dead trees, which are home to phascogales, possums, sugar gliders, kookaburras, galahs, eastern rosellas, rainbow lorikeets and ducks, to name a few.

Some of the plants we saw included: *Dendrobium kingianum*, *Plectranthus argentatus*, *Brachyscome multifida*, *Schleranthus biflorus*, *Themeda triandra*, *Xerochrysum bracteatum*, *Exocarpos cupressiformis*, *Prostanthera ovalifolia*, *Acacia glaucoptera*, *Banksia spinulosa*, *Acacias vestita* among many other Acacias, *Eremophilas*, *Melaleucas*, *Prostantheras*, *Eucalypts*, etc.

Bev’s garden will also be in the Open Garden Scheme this September, so if you missed this

visit you will have another chance to view this inspiring garden in Spring.

**Photos of the visit to the Hanson garden  
All photos by Sonia Gatti.**



**The view from Bev’s front driveway.**



**Bev gave us a thorough briefing before we set off!**



**A bed of *Dendrobium kingianum***

## Book Reviews



One of the many water features.



Schleranthus biflorus growing over rocks.



Our group standing in front of a beautiful Acacia vestita.

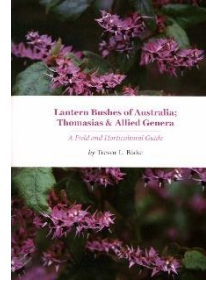


A dead tree trunk retrofitted with Powerful Owl nesting boxes.

### Book Launch – Lantern Bushes of Australia: Thomasias & Allied Genera, a field & horticultural guide by Trevor L Blake.

#### Report by Miriam Ford

The book launch was held on Saturday afternoon, May 1 at the Edinburgh Gardens Community Room, North Fitzroy. This book was edited by Jane Canaway & published by APS Keilor Plains.



This was a great afternoon, a gathering of many people from different groups, with fine food, wine and great conversation. Among the celebrities present were Roger and Gwen Elliott & Jane Edmondson from ABC Gardening Australia.

The speakers gave many entertaining and informative anecdotes about bringing this book to a conclusion, an endeavour that has taken place over many years and many long hours, despite the constant changes the botanists out there seem to want to make to the various species dealt with. Roger Elliott went to school with Trevor and they have a long rich history together. Trevor is such a talented fellow and has written many books. He is a wonderful botanical artist and his drawings form a key part of the book and with identification of species. They serve to illustrate many species where photographs weren't available. The book includes Thomasia, Androcalva (which includes many species that used to be part of Commersonia), Commersonia (which takes precedence over Rulingia), Guichenotia, Lasiopetalum, Lysiosepalum & Seringia – don't worry if you haven't heard of some of these, I certainly hadn't. Trevor included a bookmark entitled *Plants you may be able to source and grow in Melbourne* which I am happy to provide to anyone who may want the information.

Upon my brief reading of the book I am pleased to realise that I have quite a selection from these different Genera growing in my garden and I believe that I have Mike Williams to thank for bringing many of these species to the group in our plant sales and raffles. Some of what I have growing include Thomasia brachystachys, macrocarpa, petiocalyx, purpurea X solanacea, & rhynchocarpa, Commersonia hermannifolia & magniflora, Guichenotia ledifolia & macrantha, Lasiopetalum bauera & schulzenii, Lysiosepalum abollatum (cuttings, now plants, thanks to a visit to Peter Smith's garden) & involucrellum. Many of these are decorative and very hardy. I am now going to embark on a more well-informed, accurately spelled, propagation extravaganza of these so that I can also add to the collection available to Australian Plant growing enthusiasts.

## **Administrative Matters**

### **The APS Yarra Yarra Committee:**

Peter Smith - President, Garden Visits,

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### **Newsletter - bimonthly**

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**Meeting Particulars:** Visitors always welcome.

When: 8.00pm, 1st Thursday each month (except January). Doors open 7.30pm. Come early for plant sales. Supper following the meeting is provided.

Venue: Mummy Room, Edendale Community Environment Farm, 30 Gastons Rd, Eltham VIC 3095

Guest Speaker: Learn more through talks by expert speakers, and discussions following.

Flower Table Specimens: Bring along your flowers, labelled, if possible, for the flower table. Share and swap cutting material for propagating.

Plant Sales: Members may buy plants, unusual varieties are often available, or sell their own.

Library: Members can borrow books from our specialist library.

Chairs: Members, please help set up chairs for the meeting from 7.30pm onwards and put away again after the meeting.

Australian Plants Society Ballarat District

**Winter 2022**

## **NATIVE PLANT SHOW**



DISPLAYING THE REMARKABLE DIVERSITY  
of  
AUSTRALIAN FLORA  
GROWING IN BALLARAT GARDENS in WINTER  
NATIVE PLANTS for SALE

**Saturday 25 June 10:00am – 4:00pm**  
**Sunday 26 June 10:00am – 4:00pm**

**ADMISSION \$5**

**ROBERT CLARK HORTICULTURAL CENTRE  
Ballarat Botanical Gardens**

(Next to the Conservatory)

Access from Wendouree Parade or Gillies Street

\*Any Covid19 regulation that is in place at the time of the Show will be strictly adhered to\*

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## **Growing Friends Winter Plant Sale**

Come along and select from a range of small and large plants many of which you will find in the Australian Garden



Thomasia purpurca x solanaceae  
ANGUS & ANNE'S GARDENS

**Saturday 23 &  
Sunday 24 July 2022  
10am to 4pm**

**Australian Garden -  
Cranbourne**

Grasses, climbers, border-plants,  
ground-covers, small & large  
bushes and trees, plants for wildlife

Plant-list available  
1 week before sale:

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### **POSTSCRIPT**

Thank you from Eltham Rotary

The Committee has received a message from Alan Field of Eltham Rotary thanking APS Yarra Yarra for their participation in the tree planting activity which occurred in August of last year. Myself (Sonia Gatti) and Julia Hamer spent an enjoyable and productive day planting indigenous bushes, grasses and trees along the Diamond Creek in Wattle Glen.