



## AUSTRALIAN PLANT SOCIETY

### Yarra Yarra Group Inc.

(Incorporation No: A0039676Y)

## Newsletter September – October 2022

### Latest News

*Dear Members, I'm working on this newsletter from Cable Beach, Broome. I don't wish to rub it in but the weather here is beautiful! We have been on a road trip through the centre and into Western Australia. Have seen some amazing native trees, plants and of course flowers on our journey thus far. What a privilege and delight. We are hoping to catch the wild flowers further down south in WA. The best may be yet to come!*

*I stumbled across these amazing Sturt Desert Peas in Coober Pedy's town centre.*



### Welcome to New Members

A warm welcome to new members who have recently joined the group:  
Rosemary Simons, Melanie Pellow, Vicki Pino, Kate Spruce, Heather Smith, Justin Hymus, Lynne Murray, Helen Lascelles, Douglas Fullarton, Christine and Elise Tipton, Timothy Stuart, and Jacqueline Yu

### APS Yarra Yarra AGM – held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2022-Report by Cathy Mann

Our 2022 AGM was held at Edendale Farm, Eltham, with approximately 29 people attending.

Kevin Ley hosted proceedings in his usual inimitable style – many thanks to Kevin.

The minutes of the 2021 AGM, Financial report (2021-22) and President's report (2021-2022) were all accepted by the members present.

All COM positions were declared vacant and, as there was only one candidate for each

position, all nominees were elected unopposed. So your new Committee is the same as the old!

Position	Nominee
President	Peter Smith
Vice President	Mike Williams
Treasurer	Sue Gwilym
Secretary	Cathy Mann
Committee Member	Carmen Cooper
Committee Member	Anita Bourke
Committee Member	Suzie Gordon

Miriam Ford will continue to represent Yarra Yarra Group as our delegate to the APS Victoria Committee of Management meetings.

It was also agreed to increase the possible number of ordinary Committee members to 5 – currently 3.

*APS Yarra Yarra has hosted another very successful Expo after a two year hiatus. A lot of positive comments from the public, it seems our efforts were much appreciated. Well done everyone! Our President Peter Smith reports on the highlights of the day.*

### **EXPO REPORT by Peter Smith**

EXPO, a success...? No worries! Certainly the plant sale side of Expo was a success. Both the sellers and the customers were happy, many plants left the building. After the initial rush the flow was steady all weekend. A total of 902 tickets were sold. Interestingly, 250 people in the first 2 hours with a total of 600 on Saturday, then 300 on the Sunday.

COVID stymied for the last two years, an unperturbed Jill Lulham carried out virtually all of the lead up organisation of Expo. Secretary Cathy had to put out a few calls in order to fill up the roster. There were a few absences due to ill health, but then members rallied and a tremendous team effort once again carried us through. On the Saturday morning I was apprehensive with Mike Ridley (unwell) not manning the money. However, the sun and the gods were shining, and with Irene, Cathy

and Pat to meet the rush, and the people being orderly...no worries...we'd done it all before!

The scouts were run off their feet, coffee dispensed, plants and books sold, people were doing multiple trips for more plants. After the initial rush, things settled, people had time to consult their lists and talk with the sellers. As they were leaving there were many comments of appreciation - the specimens on display, the amazing arrangements put together by Suzie and Jenny, the range of plants for sale, and the care and assistance that people had received.

By Sunday, Roy's childrens activity packs had run out, as had some of the plants, but there were still plenty on offer, and as the Expo drew to a close Sue had signed on twelve new members. The packing up began, and Mike Williams' planned withdrawal saw a more orderly and earlier departure. Well done and thank you to everyone involved.

On the financial side, I think that we have paid our way. A huge effort on the part of some members, particularly Jill Lulham and here lies our main challenge...to try to lighten her load...and get some more members (hopefully younger) involved. Jill, the two Mikes, Rob Dunlop, Roy and Janet, Ann and Tom, Colin...the list goes on...we need a few younger legs, and ideas as well.

### **Photos of the Expo weekend by Jill Lulham and Ben Eaton**





### **New Initiative - Peter Smith advises...**

Suzy Gordon and Mike Williams have resurrected a past initiative. The COM has approached a couple of the local Primary Schools with the idea of supplying some plants and perhaps guidance. If anyone with kids or grandchildren at, or connections with, local schools and would like to be involved, you could follow up with Mike, myself, or other committee members.

## Next Meeting Thursday October 6

Our next meeting will be a Grand Flower Table so please bring along what is flowering in your garden to show and share. If you know the names of the plants, please label them if possible, and we will also sort them into relevant genera for the discussion. Always a great night to see what is growing in other members' gardens and you can take cutting material at the end of the night if you are interested in propagating, or just take home a lovely bunch of flowers.

Please note the new start time of 7:30 pm, doors open at 7:00pm.

## Diary Dates 2022

**1 – 11 September** – The Acacia Project Exhibition, illustrating Rare, Endangered and Unusual Acacia in the Royal Botanic Gardens of Melbourne will be mounted in the Visitors Centre at the RBGV Melbourne. 9 am to 5 pm daily.

**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.

**17 & 18 September**, Angair Wildflower Show & Art Weekend. Strictly indigenous this year! A special display of the late John Landy's fascinating collection of local butterflies and insects, guided wildflower walks around the district, indigenous plant sales and stalls by local environmental groups. 10 am to 4 pm. Anglesea Community Precinct in McMillan Street, Anglesea.

**17 & 18 September, Garden Expo organized by Rotary Club of Yea.** 9 am to 3 pm at Yea Saleyards. Entry is \$10 adults, children free. 70 vendors on site with exhibits ranging from

bulbs, seeds, seedlings, flowering plants and trees, garden tools, equipment, art and ornaments, compost, fertilisers and more. Food stalls will also be available.

**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)

**22 & 23 October** – APS Ballarat Spring Flower Show. Robert Clark Centre, Ballarat Botanic Gardens, Gillies Street, Ballarat. 10am – 4pm.

**22 & 23 October** - Cranbourne Friends Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria's Spring 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)

**6th February 2023** – Neutrog Autumn Orders Close, for delivery 3rd March

**7th August 2023** – Neutrog Spring Orders Close, for delivery 1st September

### Membership Renewals

*\*Final call for membership renewals 2022-23. If you have not renewed your membership by 30th September 2022, you will no longer receive the newsletter and will be removed from our membership list.*

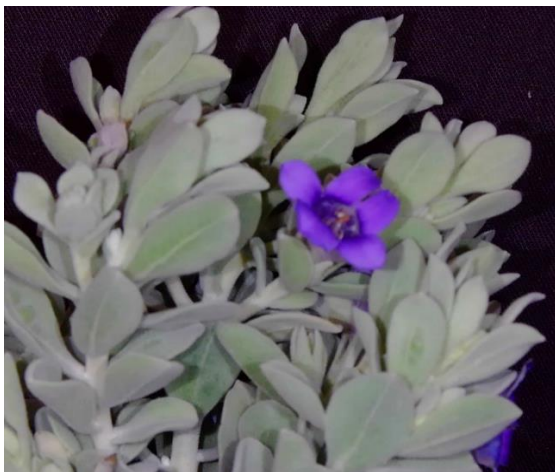
We don't want to lose you, so please renew now. Many thanks.

## Flower Table August

By Sue Gwilym. Pictures by Ben Eaton (BE)  
and Rob Dunlop, Document Camera (DC)



*Acacia amoena* (DC)



*Eremophila hygrophana* (DC)



*Eucalyptus goniantha* (BE)



*Eutaxia microphylla* (BE)



*Gastrolobium celsianum* (BE)



*Hakea bucculenta* (BE)



*Hakea multilineata* (BE)



*Philotheca verrucosa* (DC)



*Hovea heterophylla* (BE)



*Rhodanthe anthemoides* 'Paper Cascade' (BE)



*Olearia homolepis* (BE)

Other flowers featured without an image:

- Acacia baileyana* (DC)
- Acacia boormanii* (BE)
- Acacia verniciflua* 'Spicy' (BE)
- Chorizema varium* (BE)
- Correa* 'Barossa Gold' (DC)
- Correa pulchella* (BE)
- Cryptandra amara* (BE)
- Darwinia macrostegia* (BE)
- Eremophila glabra* 'Steep Point' (BE)
- Eremophila maculata* form (BE)
- Eremophila spectabilis* (DC)
- Hakea lissocarpha* (DC)
- Hardenbergia comptoniana* (DC)
- Petrophile biloba* (DC)
- Templetonia retusa* (DC)

## Flower Table September

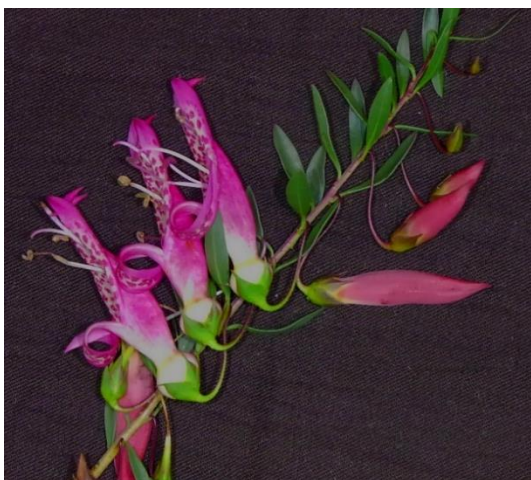
By Sue Gwilym. Photos by Rob Dunlop with the Document Camera



*Acacia verniciflua* 'Spicy'



*Chorizema varium*



*Eremophila maculata*



*Goodia medicaginea*



*Grevillea iaspicula* 'Wee Jasper'



*Hypocalymma angustifolium*



*Phebalium squamulosum*



*Tetratheca ciliata*



*Philotheca verrucosa* double form



*Thryptomene calycina*



*Pultenaea daphnoides*

Other flowers featured without an image:

- Acacia denticulosa*
- Acacia pulchella*
- Acacia triptera*
- Astrolasi hexopetala*
- Eremophila maculata* form
- Eremophila nivea*
- Eremophila* 'Bev Rice'
- Grevillea flexuosa*
- Grevillea treueriana*
- Hakea macreana*
- Hakea multilineata*
- Hardenbergia violaceae*
- Leionema* sp
- Phebalium nottii*
- Philotheca verrucosa*
- Prostanthera aspalathoides* Lake Marmal f
- Tetratheca* sp
- Westringia fruticosa* 'Blue Moon'



## Upcoming Speakers

**3rd November Meeting, Chris Larkin is speaking on “Strap-leaf and strap-like plants: variety, function and design”**



Chris has been a member of APS Foothills since around 1993 which was a year or so after Roger Stone landscaped a small section of her garden. Interestingly at the time Roger Stone was a local and member of APS Foothills.

As a part-time hobby, let's say passion, gardening fulfilled the requirements Chris sought for being something she could do but would never finish or master, or know everything there is to know about it. Gardening is physical, intellectual, knowledge-rich, artistic and it has deep connections to other areas of knowledge.

Sometime after joining APS Chris joined the GDSG (Garden Design Study Group) and was a very active member of it for a long time, including contributing to the book 'The Australian Garden' first published in 2002. She also largely wrote the section on garden design on the APS Vic website.

Chris has been leader, secretary and is currently the treasurer of APS Foothills. Newly retired Chris is enjoying stepping up writing for GDSG, 'Growing Australian' and her local newsletter. Chris is also hoping to expand the number of talks I could give to interested groups.

## 2022 Speakers

**TreeProject**



**Meeting Report 2 June 2022 by Sue Gwilym  
TreeProject : Speaker David Smith**

David started the meeting with a bit of background on how he personally became involved with TreeProject. David grew up in western Victoria when it was stony rises, unploughed swamps with 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 he saw the effects on the land of some practices including land clearing, erosion, 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 for revegetation seemed to be a practical way to be involved in land care and to put something back. David has now been a volunteer grower with TreeProject for 30 years, with a short break in late 90s.

TreeProject is a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to revegetating Victoria. They work with Victorian landowners, councils, Landcare groups and volunteers to help grow and plant over 100,000 indigenous seedlings per year. Landholders choose the plants they want with TreeProject sourcing seed from original sources around Victoria with the ideal being to plant native trees, shrubs, and grasses to establish habitat that's best suited to their local area. TreeProject provides 'at-cost' seedlings at the cost of \$220 for 500 native seedlings so we can heal country.

Volunteering to become a grower for TreeProject (something I've done this year and a few years ago) is a commitment of approximately 6 months of growing from seed to hand over, requiring between 50 to 100 hours of work. TreeProject provides everything you need to get started in their grower's kit – seeds, potting mix, fertiliser, and tubes. You are given a face-to-face training

session, supported by a grower's manual and a group co-ordinator who is always on hand for questions. There is also a WhatsApp group to share with other volunteers. They also have a very useful seedling database to reference. The usual kit is 7 boxes of 50 tubes (350 plants) but you can grow less (or more!) if you like, and you are one of many growers for one landholder, depending on their order.



And if you can't grow the plants there is the opportunity to be involved in tree planting days. TreeProject hosts planting days from Autumn through to Spring across countryside locations in Victoria to protect waterways, improve ecosystems and create habitat for wildlife. Planting the seedlings you grow on the property of the landholder is also a really lovely full circle experience for the grower.



There were lots of questions for David as he delved into more detail of how TreeProject operates and the great job they're doing with the help of their volunteer growers.

You can check their website for more information and their calendar of tree planting days: <https://treeproject.org.au/>

Pictures: Sourced from TreeProject website

### **Meeting Report 4 August 2022 by Cathy Mann**

#### **Safety in the Garden: Speaker Colin Gould**

Colin introduced his talk by emphasising that it is up to us to keep ourselves safe in the garden when we are working there. He had many ways to help us do this.

Personal Protective Equipment: this is essential. Colin recommends:

- Eye protection: Safety glasses or, at the very least, sunglasses to prevent sticks, dirt etc flicking up into your eyes or any other eye trauma, also for preventing UV ray damage;. You can get protective clip-ons or clear goggles to put over your glasses or dedicated prescription safety glasses
- Clothing: Long-sleeved shirts and pants are a must for sun protection, prevention of insect bites and stings and grazes from prickly shrubs
- Footwear: No thongs or sandals, too easy to trip or slip; you need proper enclosed footwear, preferably safety boots with good grip
- Gloves: to prevent bites and stings and other abrasions to your hands; sun protection too

Garden tools:

- Make sure they are sharp and clean – they are easy to sharpen with wet and dry sandpaper, files or sharpening stones
- Ear muffs are important if using noisy machinery or equipment; protective

chainsaw chaps are essential if using this particularly dangerous tool

- Mowers – make sure you are using the correct fuel and the blades are sharp; remove the spark plug if you need to clean the blades; better still use a battery-operated mower
- Battery-operated tools are great – no cords to trip over or to get caught up in the garden; easy to use

In the garden:

- Keep paths clear and clean – wet foliage or mushy, mossy leaves and debris on paths makes them very slippery
- Overgrown bushes can cause tripping hazards if you can't see the path ahead; they can also flick back into people behind you as you pass
- Any loose gravel on a brick path can be very slippery and uncomfortable to walk on
- Overgrown rocks can be a trip hazard if you can't see where they are
- Hand rails in the garden can be very helpful to assist up steps or along an uneven path
- Rotting branches can snap unexpectedly – especially if you are leaning against them or putting weight on them
- Similarly if using force to pull anything out, beware of it giving way suddenly
- When standing from kneeling beware of upper branches which you may not have seen if you have a hat on

Ladders: need great care to use; a fall from a ladder can be life-changing (and not in a good way!)

- The 3<sup>rd</sup> rung of a ladder is as far as you should go; any further and the ladder must be thoroughly secured; wear proper footwear at all times on any ladder

Personal safety:

- It's a good idea to lock your back door if you're working in the front garden – ensures no-one can access your house from the back while you are occupied in the garden.

## 2022 Garden Visits

**Next Garden visit - Sunday 2 October @ 2:00 pm (prior to the next general meeting), "Yallaroo Gardens" Bob & Dot O'Neill, 7 Hillsmeade Drive, Narre Warren Sth.**



**Yallaroo Gardens by Bob & Dot O'Neill**

We downsized to our new one acre property just on Christmas 2010, bringing about 800 potted plants with which to commence their much smaller new garden. The new home had a neglected garden, dominated by large old windbreak cypress trees, interspersed with numerous smaller cypress trees. Almost immediately the cypress trees, along with a few other unwanted exotic trees and widespread agapanthus, were removed and an almost empty plate was left to toy with. We were now free to create a new garden that we had pictured in our minds. We set to work, preparing numerous garden beds, spreading truckloads of native based mulch by the barrow load, and planting out our stockpile of potted plants.

Then came the first winter. A high water table caused half of the plants to perish, a bitter

disappointment to us as a couple. It was a case of get back to work and import numerous truckloads of garden soil to raise many of the garden beds. More mulching took place, then the gaps were filled as best we could.

Early on, a new polycarbonate hot house was installed. This lasted for about 6 months when strong winds carried loosened panels over a neighbour's fence. We were fortunate to be able to receive an old unwanted plastic hothouse from the Cranbourne Botanic Gardens soon after; this now being a wonderful asset from which most of the garden plants are sourced. Extra water tanks were installed to provide 30000lt of rainwater storage, sufficient to cover most of our annual gardening requirements. A substantial covered orchard was also set in place early, now rewarding us with an almost year-round fruit supply, free of pest pilfering.

The general layout of the garden was set in place early on, but the design has evolved and modified with the passage of time and experience. Eventually almost all of the lawn areas have vanished under garden mulch. The pathways were lined with lengths of small tree branches then mulched, leading to the distinct, informal bush atmosphere that prevails today. The elimination of grass has certainly made gardening care a much easier task.

A number of plant collections have been integrated into the general garden design. Bob's passion for correas has continued. There are approximately 130 variations scattered across the various garden beds, with an intent to have at least one back up copy for each variation. Kangaroo paws have done well, as have eremophilas. Dot's passion for grevilleas has resulted with numerous grevilleas being added to the garden, including standard grevilleas as special features. *Brachychiton rupestris*, the Queensland bottle tree, has done very well. Unlike most of the other native plants, these are watered and fertilized over the summer, resulting in some very happy young trees. The sheer diversity of the plantings is illustrated by the fact that plants

originating from all the states and territories of this country are now growing in our garden.

The most recent stage of development has been to fill in the last remaining little gaps, with dampieras, brachyscombes, hibbertias and epacris being the species more widely used. The tool kit used has been described in humour as being the barrow, watering can, spade, a bucket and a shoehorn to help squeeze the extra plants in.

Gardening often involves 3 very important Ps. Firstly, there are PLACES to visit, next are the PLANTS and thirdly there are the lovely PEOPLE one meets along the way. It is always a privilege and a pleasure to meet up with garden loving people. We look forward to meeting you folk and trust that you have a pleasant and satisfying visit.

**Sunday 23 October , Wildflower Outing with Julie and Kahn Franke up St Andrews way. We shall confirm exactly "where and when" closer to the day.**

**Sunday November 6<sup>th</sup> at 2.00pm**

**Garden Visit to Chris Larkin**

29B Wellington Rd, Lysterfield (Melway Map 82 J2)

About the garden:

It is really becoming harder and harder to remember the order in which the garden has been developed over 31 years now. It was started by employing the landscaper, Roger Stone, with the trusty bob-cat operator and a member of APS Maroondah, Tom Orton, around Easter 1991. Only a relatively small section was tackled on the southside of the house. The remainder of the property of a little over an acre, was brought under control over many, many years. Roger was involved in the early stages of major development and Tom throughout, whenever there was a need to introduce rocks and recontour the land. There was a big change to relocate the drive entry from Major Cres to Provence Rise in 2007 and close off the car entry from Wellington Rd.

The last major change though was in 2010 when a tree came down providing the opportunity to reorganise pathways up the hill on the south side making them safer under foot. At the moment I'm crazy enough to be expanding the garden in rethinking the area around fruit trees and vegie plots.



With a large garden there is a constant need to renew garden beds, or sections of garden beds, each year. I retired in the middle of last year so probably the speed and number of sections of garden I'm renewing has increased with more time to 'get stuck in'. Hoping to be able to sit back a bit next year but who knows what nature will throw at me. I tackled 4 relatively large areas last year and I will be doing a further 4 this year including the new beds. But despite the new and near new parts of the garden there is a wonderful maturity to much of it and plenty to see including a diverse range of plants in flower. I am a passionate gardener – obsessed to say the least – with an overriding interest in garden design. The garden is on a north facing slope. It has its fair share of steps if you take some pathways but it is also possible to go from the top of the block to the very bottom without using any stairs at all so

long as you can cope with some strongly sloping paths and bitumen drives.

**Parking:** Park on the edge of the service road at 29A Wellington Rd, Lysterfield. The service road is on the northside of Wellington Road and I will use a red balloon to help you identify the service road entry. Wellington Rd goes through a cutting not long before the Kelletts Rd intersection when travelling east. The gravel service road goes over the hill allowing foot access to my property at 29B. Walk down through the casuarina forest to the right of the letterbox. Follow the red balloons. Alternatively limited parking is available in Provence Rise. If you park there you will need to walk straight up my long bitumen driveway at no 7, which is not marked but the numbers of houses 6 and 8 are clear. It is advisable for as many of you as possible to carpool. If you need further help with directions you can call Chris on 0457 699 206.

### **Garden Visit to Ray and Prue Weeks, Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September, Park Orchards**

#### **Report by Peter Smith**

Only a small group of members attended Ray Weeks' garden besides Merele Webb and myself. Unfortunately, totally unplanned, our visit to Ray's garden co-incided with Open Gardens Victoria's weekends visit to Maroondah Group's Bill Aitchison and Sue Guymers' garden around the corner in Donvale, and Bev and John Hanson's iconic garden in Warrantlyte, both gardens well publicised. It also happened to be Father's Day and Ray himself was under the weather with a bad cold.

Despite all of this, we were not disappointed. Ray has an amazing area to work with in his retirement. This is a large garden of which Merele set out the initial stages back in the 1980s. In the car on the way over, Merele (now in her 90s) commented that she couldn't recall doing this garden. After having parked the car, and having been greeted by Prue and Ray,

Merele commented “I remember that rock”, and again with the next large granite piece... “ that one too “.

Merele was “avant-garde” back then. Earth mounding with the use of large boulders and the use of difficult to find Australian plants was not common. Non Australian plants, lawns and formality prevailed. Merele created unique “OZ” bush gardens- thoughtfully mimicking natural environments with the utmost care and precision.

Ray is an avid collector of many plant varieties. His initial plantings have suffered dry times and the big drought...but the succulents , Aloes and pigfaces have survived well...and now his use of Banksias, Correas, Prostantheras, Westringias, grafted Grevilleas, Hakeas and Eremophilas means that the “OZ” plants are re establishing a foothold. The house and the garden have expanded since back in the 80s, and Ray’s collections have grown.

We explored the winding pathways through expansive “bush mulched” beds, and at each turn there was more interest to discover. As we retired for a cuppa by the warmth of the fire, Ray told us a little of his collecting trips to the New Guinea Highlands.

While we hadn’t timed the visit to catch his mint bushes in flower, his Vyrea Rhododendrons were adequate compensation. Many thanks to Ray and Prue for their warm hospitality.

**Photos of the Weeks’ garden by Jill Lulham**





Uluru – Honey grevillea – *grevillea eriostachya* (with Uluru in the background)

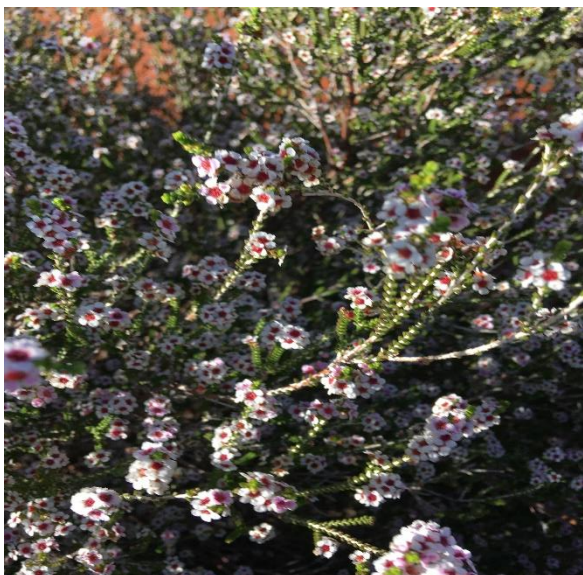
**On the Grapevine...**

**Desert plants of Central Australia -Report and photos by Sonia Gatti**

Photos of some of the beautiful plants I have encountered on my travels through Central Australia. It is always a pleasure to see plants growing in their natural environment. They look so healthy and vibrant.



Uluru – Honey grevillea – *grevillea eriostachya*



Uluru - Desert thryptomene – *Aluta maisonneuvei*



Uluru - Desert cassia – *Senna artemisioides*



Uluru – Sturt’s Desert Rose – *Gossypium sturtianum*



KingsCanyon-Macdonnell-RangesCycad-  
*Macrozamia macdonellii*



Uluru - Desert oak -*Allocasuarina decaisneana*



Kings Canyon- wattle species



Uluru-Latrobe’s desert fushia -*Eremophila latrobei*



Alice Springs- Brilliant hopbush *Dodonia microzyga*





Alice Springs-Eremophila neglecta



Standly Chasm-Hardenbergia violacea species



Macdonnell Ranges -Brachyscome multifida



Standly Chasm-Holly grevillea-Grevillea wickhamii

**Administrative Matters**

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**Meeting Particulars:** Visitors always welcome.

**When:** 7.30pm, 1st Thursday each month (except January). Doors open 7.00pm.

\$2 Door Entry, prize draw. 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.

*We acknowledge the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people as the Traditional Owners of the country on which we meet, we pay our respects to Elders past, present and future and extend that respect to all First Nations Peoples.*

Yarra Valley **Spring 2022**  
**Plant Fair**  
Meet the experts & Garden Expo

Angus Stewart  
Sat & Sun

Jane Edmanson  
Sunday

Vasili  
Sat & Sun

**November 5 & 6**

125 Quayle Rd, Wandin

45 + vendors selling over 1000 varieties

Free parking\* Dogs welcome\* Demonstrations

Discounted tickets online

[www.yarravalleyplantfair.com.au](http://www.yarravalleyplantfair.com.au)