



# Newsletter

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## Editorial

The Committee is delighted to see the number of registrations flowing in, and they have only been open for a month. We have less than six months before the event. We are busily finalizing many of the smaller, but important tasks that are required. If you have not yet registered please do so.

I would like to commend all our propagators for the wonderful work they are doing in producing the many plants that we hope to have available for sale. The numbers are building steadily, and with a favourable winter we should have many species available that are simply not obtainable in nurseries.

I have an interesting booklet produced by Forest Native Nursery in 1978, "Australian Native Plants for New South Wales Gardens" which lists the following Lechenaultias – acutiloba, biloba, formosa, larcina, linaroides, superba and tubiflora. How many of these do we see available today? We cannot even get cuttings of some of these, and I wonder how many other Goodeniaceae plants are in the same situation.

We are still looking for cuttings of many of the more unusual species as we still have time to produce some of these plants for the Seminar.

Please contact me if you can help in any way by:

- email [fjcrogersseminar2018@gmail.com](mailto:fjcrogersseminar2018@gmail.com)
- or ring me **Royce Raleigh 03 5383 6200**.

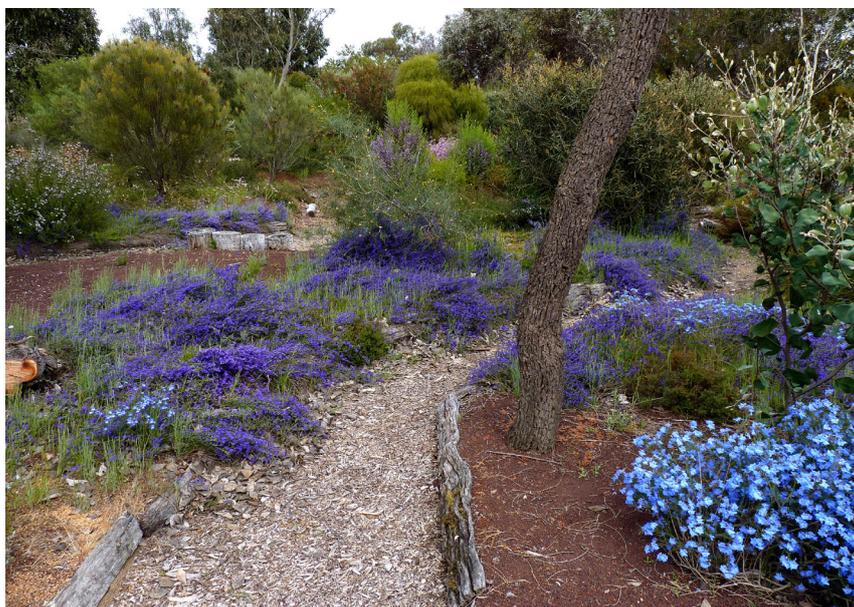
*Royce Raleigh*



**Wimmera CMA**



**GWM Water**



Wartook Gardens. Photo: Royce Raleigh.

## Speaker: Brendan Lepschi

Brendan Lepschi is the Curator of the Australian National Herbarium (ANH) at the Centre for Australian National Biodiversity Research in Canberra. He started work at the ANH in 1992, working with Lyn Craven on a revision of the genus *Melaleuca*. From 1995 to 1998, he worked as a botanist with the Western Australian Herbarium in Perth, focusing primarily on resolving taxonomic problems relating to rare and threatened flora.

In late 1998 he returned to the Australian National Herbarium, taking on the role of Curator in 2002. Along with managing the collections of the ANH, Brendan is also responsible (with colleague Anna Monro) for the Australian Plant Name Index (APNI) and Australian Plant Census (APC).

His research interests include the taxonomy of the genus *Melaleuca*, the sandalwood family (Santalaceae), Goodeniaceae (especially *Dampiera*), local floristics, and the introduced flora, including dynamics of plant invasions in grassland communities.

He is also the inglorious author of the largely irrelevant, yet remarkably persistent, series of apparently humorous botanical works, the *Tree of Liff* and the *Taller Tree of Liff*.



Bronwyn Collins

Brendan, looking uncharacteristically serious, in the field during the Norfolk Island Quarantine Survey, 2013



Murray Fagg

Brendan in the field during the Botanical Survey of Christmas Island, 2012

# Wartook Gardens

2866 Northern Grampians Road, Wartook

## Garden of Royce & Jeanne Raleigh

In 1973, 70 acres of open farmland was purchased and during 1974 Royce & Jeanne built their own home and initially rabbit proofed a 100metre square to begin a garden. Planting began in 1975 with over 600 plants carted up from Melbourne. Our aim was to create a garden that would show off plants to visitors and have paths and grass areas between beds to gradually create areas where we could attempt to grow a wide range of plants from all over Australia. Jeanne's English background ensured that we would have quite an exotic area of garden as well.

The garden was soon extended to cover the 5 acres it is today, with rabbit and kangaroo proof fencing. With many trips to parts of eastern and western Australia, as well as many visits to nurseries, we have sourced a range of plants,



For drainage, gutters have been dug around garden beds and paths excavated.

Our rainfall is approximately 500mm, with winter rainfall and very long dry spells in the warmer months, with temperatures often above 40 degrees. We need to water in dry periods.

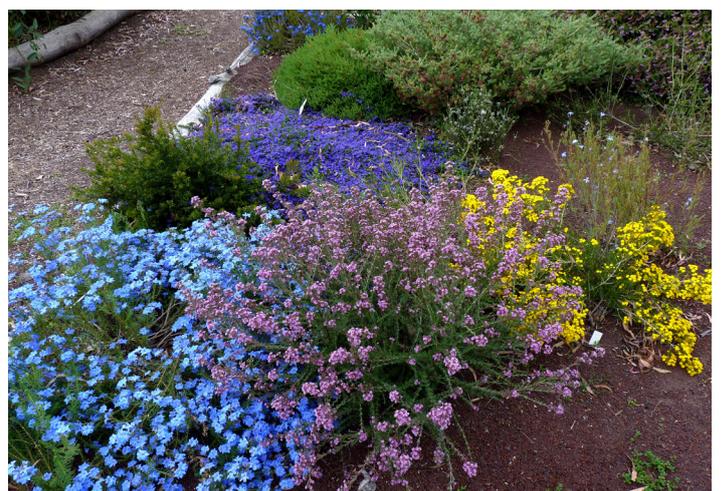
The logging of garden bed edges and mulching with scoria, has kept the soil cooler and enabled a much greater range of plants to be grown.

All photos were taken by Royce Raleigh.

so that today we grow many species that are simply not available in today's nurseries. Jeanne, as our propagator, has grown many thousands of plants from both seed and cuttings over the years.

We started growing Hakeas from seed in the late 1960's as Fred Rogers assured us that they were "reliable". On our first trip to WA in the mid - 1970's, Jeanne fell in love with all the wonderful blues of the Goodeniaceae. We now have lots of blue in the garden.

We lost over 2000 plants in the 1982-3 drought and many have been unable to be replaced. We lost all our fencing and a portion of the garden in the 2014 January Grampians fire. Frosts are a big problem and we can have up to 30 per year.



## Still Seeking Photos for Photo-guides

A very big thank you all those who have sent us their photos on Goodeniaceae. Many of you have responded to our earlier request and this is very much appreciated.

How ever, we are **STILL SEEKING PHOTOGRAPHS** for the production of a series of digital photo-guides of Goodeniaceae which will be on a USB memory stick for those who attend the Saturday sessions.

We are particularly looking for species of Goodeniaceae from NSW, inland and northern Qld, and SA. One photo we require for Victoria is *Goodenia stelligera*. We have this species for other states but not taken in its natural habitat in Victoria.

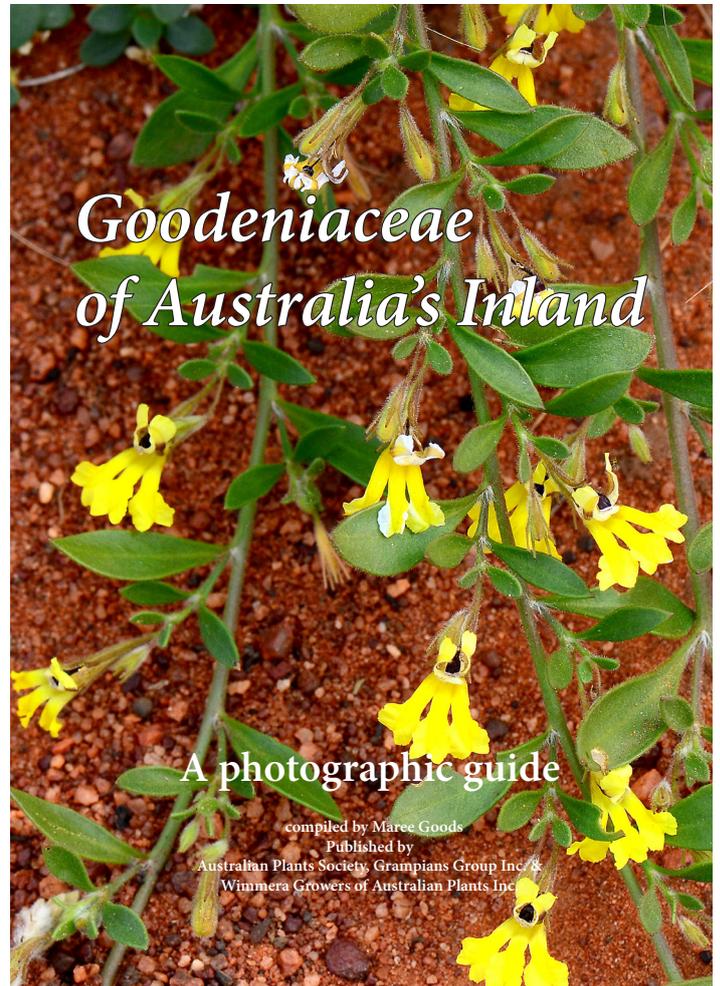
All photos must state where they have been taken. We need to identify whether they are growing in their natural habitat, or in cultivation.

Requirements for photos for the FJC Rogers Seminar 2018 photo-guides

1. Must be originals and not cropped
2. Highest resolution possible
3. High quality - in focus and good depth of field
4. Showing features of the plant useful for identification, eg flowers, leaves, stems and/or shrub (may be several photos of the same plant)
5. All photos must be correctly named ie Genus and species
6. All photos must have the photographers name and where taken.
7. Photos taken in their natural habitat would be preferred
8. Photos will only be used for the 12th FJC Rogers Seminar 2018 - Goodeniaceae
9. Not all photos will be used due to duplication of species. Only those that best fit the criteria will be chosen
10. No photos will be passed onto any other person or organisation without the photographers permission
11. All photographers will be duly acknowledged.

If anyone has any photos that may meet the criteria, we would appreciate copies **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**. Please notify us about your photos:

- Email: [fjcrogersseminar2018@gmail.com](mailto:fjcrogersseminar2018@gmail.com)
- Post: **FJC Rogers Seminar, C/O WGAP, PO Box 533, Horsham, Vic, 3402.**



A sneak preview of the cover (*Goodenia modesta*) of one of our photo-guides.

## Registrations

### Dates for Registration

Early Bird Discount: **1 April to 30 July 2018**

Registrations close: **1 October 2018**

### Registration form

is available:

- in this newsletter
- a choice of a pdf file or an Excel file is available online to download from the FJC Rogers Seminar 2018 website: <https://apsvic.org.au/fjc-rogers-seminar/>

The Excel form will calculate totals automatically for you and once the fields are filled in, the form can be emailed to: [fjcrogersseminar2018@gmail.com](mailto:fjcrogersseminar2018@gmail.com)

### Instructions to fill out form

All instructions are on the form. Please read carefully and fill out accordingly. If you have any difficulties please email: [fjcrogersseminar2018@gmail.com](mailto:fjcrogersseminar2018@gmail.com)

## Accommodation

The following Visitor Information Centres will be able to help you in seeking accommodation.

Horsham, Free call 1800 633 218

<http://www.visithorsham.com.au/accommodation/>

Stawell & Grampians, Free call 1800 330 080

<https://www.visitgrampians.com.au/where-to-stay>



## Seminar Registration Form

### 12th FJC Rogers Seminar, 20-21 October 2018

Hosted by Australian Plants Society Grampians Inc. & Wimmera Growers of Australian Plants Inc

Date of Registration	<input type="text"/>				
Name of 1st registrant:	<input type="text"/>				
Name of 2nd registrant:	<input type="text"/>				
Address:	<input type="text"/>				
Town:	<input type="text"/>	State:	<input type="text"/>	Postcode:	<input type="text"/>
Email:	<input type="text"/>				
Telephone (Home):	<input type="text"/>	Mobile:	<input type="text"/>		
Australian Plants Society Group (if an APS member):	<input type="text"/>				
Dietary requirements - 1st registrant:	<input type="text"/>				
Dietary requirements - 2nd registrant:	<input type="text"/>				

**Saturday Program** 8:00am to 4:00pm. Holy Trinity Lutheran College Hall, 25 Trinity Drive, Horsham, Victoria.

Includes : Free parking. Lunch, morning and afternoon teas. All day proceedings.

Digital Photo-guides

**Early Bird** - received and paid by 30 June 2018. **Cost: \$95**

Enter number of registrants

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**Standard** - received and paid by 1 October 2018. **Cost: \$115**

Enter number of registrants

**Saturday Dinner** 6:00pm Holy Trinity Lutheran College Hall, 25 Trinity Drive, Horsham, Victoria.

Free parking Two course meal inc tea/coffee

BYO Drinks

**Cost: \$42**

Enter number of registrants

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**Sunday Coach Tour - Garden Visits** (all registrants must travel on coach)

Free entry to all gardens Lunch, morning and afternoon teas

**Cost: \$52**

Enter number of registrants

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<b>TOTAL COST</b>	\$ -
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**PAYMENT DETAILS USING ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER:**

**Account Name:** FJC Rogers Seminar 2018

**Bank:** Bendigo Bank

**BSB:** 633 000

**Account No:** 159 202 951

**Reference:** **Please use your name**

Date Electronic Transfer made:

**Please attach a copy of bank receipt with Seminar Registration Form**

**Electronic Registrations:**

Save completed form on your computer and then with bank receipt email to: [fjcrogersseminar2018@gmail.com](mailto:fjcrogersseminar2018@gmail.com)

**Postal Registrations:**

Post completed form with payment (cheque made out to FJC Rogers Seminar 2018) to:

**FJC Rogers Seminar, c/o Wimmera Growers of Australian Plants, PO Box 533, Horsham 3402**

For further registration information contact ☎ Maree 0427 832 249, or Wendy 0429 932 065

Cancellation of a registration must be made in writing to the address above prior to 1 October 2018 for refund.