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Australian Plants Society - Melton & Bacchus Marsh Inc



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Upcoming Meetings:

**January 24 – Potting Hakeas
at the Pye's**

**February 28 – Christine Huf -
Forensic Gardens???**

**March 28 – Chris Lindorff
(TBC)**

**April 25 – Cathy
Powers/Marilyn Hewish –
Nocturnal Moths practical**

Save the Date...

- Next meeting:
- Wednesday, November 22, 6.00pm onwards
- BYO BBQ/Picnic dinner (BBQ facilities available at Willows Historical Park /Dunvegan Cottage grounds)

Photo Competition/End of Year Catchup

Coming Up...

- Break over Christmas, until January 24 when we meet at the Pye's
- Jane Edmanson will talk on The Joy of Gardening at the FMBG meeting, Wed 14th of March, details on page 7

Monthly Meeting Recap – October AGM Wrap-up

This year, we started off with the AGM where Christine gave a rundown on the previous 12 months with the President's report:

- We kicked off my first year as President with our annual Christmas breakup which was held on one of the coldest November days at Ash and Christine's place. Everyone rugged up and braved the wind and mud but we had a fabulous time.
- In January, we made the pilgrimage to the Pye's place to pot up our baby Hakeas. We were graced with fabulous weather and gave 450 seedlings new pots.
- In February, we took a wander around the Little Desert National Park with Graham and Maree Goods.
- Royce Raleigh showed us some spectacular species of Lesser Known Plants in March.
- In April, Kevin Sparrow showed us around The Great South West.
- May was an exciting month with our Plant Sale on the 6th where the weather held off in time for us to sell around 220 plants on the day. Alan Bedggood then came to our next meeting to discuss the different types of grasses.
- For June, we started with a big event, hosting the 60th Anniversary. The weather was fantastic and everyone raved about the Botanic Garden tour and afternoon activities. Later, we had our first day meeting with the enthusiastic Kathryn Fitzgibbon showing us her landscape architect projects around the Melton Council area.
- August had Barb step in on very short notice to wow us with some photos of her and David's trip to WA last year.
- We got to see Bonsai up close in September, with Quentin Valentine making a huge mess in the hall, but with a fantastic result.

I firstly have to say the hugest thanks to David for his tireless work throughout the year, giving me great support. I certainly could not have survived the year without him.

Secondly, my thanks and gratitude to everyone who helped out during the plant sale and Anniversary celebrations.

Thirdly, to the rest of the committee, who have given me the freedom to run things my way this year.

Fourthly, to Ron who, without fail, runs the raffle and provides the prizes.

Finally, to every member of this group. I continue to learn from you all and I think we just have great fun when we all get together.

David then stepped in to give the Treasurer's Report on behalf of Julianne:

AUSTRALIAN PLANTS SOCIETY (MELTON & BACCHUS MARSH) INC.
DRAFT FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

RECEIPTS

Subscriptions	\$1,303.00
Plant Sales	\$1,928.00
Raffle Proceeds	\$128.90
Bank Interest Received	\$14.76
UCA Interest	\$151.06
Cash deposit	\$309.00
Total Receipts	\$3,834.72

PAYMENTS

Speakers Fees	\$160.00
Members Subscriptions to APSVIC	\$999.00
Meeting Room Hire	\$148.00
Subscriptions	\$0.00
Annual Return Fee (CAV)	\$55.80
Reimbursements	\$585.16
Mailbox fee	\$124.00
Bank charges	\$4.55
Cash float for Plant Sale	\$500.00
Total Payments	\$2,576.51

Surplus	\$1,258.21
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Balances at 1 July 2016	
Cash at Bank	\$6,436.22
Cash on Hand	\$309.00
Investment UCA Funds	\$6,177.02
	\$12,922.24

Accumulated Funds at 30 June 2017	\$14,180.45
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Accumulated Funds at 30 June 2017

Represented by:

Cash at Bank (CBA)	\$1,206.72
Cash at Bank (Bendigo Bank)	\$6,645.45
Cash on Hand	\$0.20
Investment UCA Funds	\$6,328.08
	\$14,180.45
	\$14,180.45

Christine then declared all committee positions vacant and asked Cathy to step forth to hold the elections.

There was almost an arm wrestle for the position of Treasurer which was resolved rapidly. All other positions were claimed without contest and your new committee for the next 12 months are:

President – Christine Huf

Vice President – Russell Wait

Secretary – David Pye

Treasurer – Cathy Powers

Committee – Lucille McCarthy, Norris McCarthy, Barb Pye

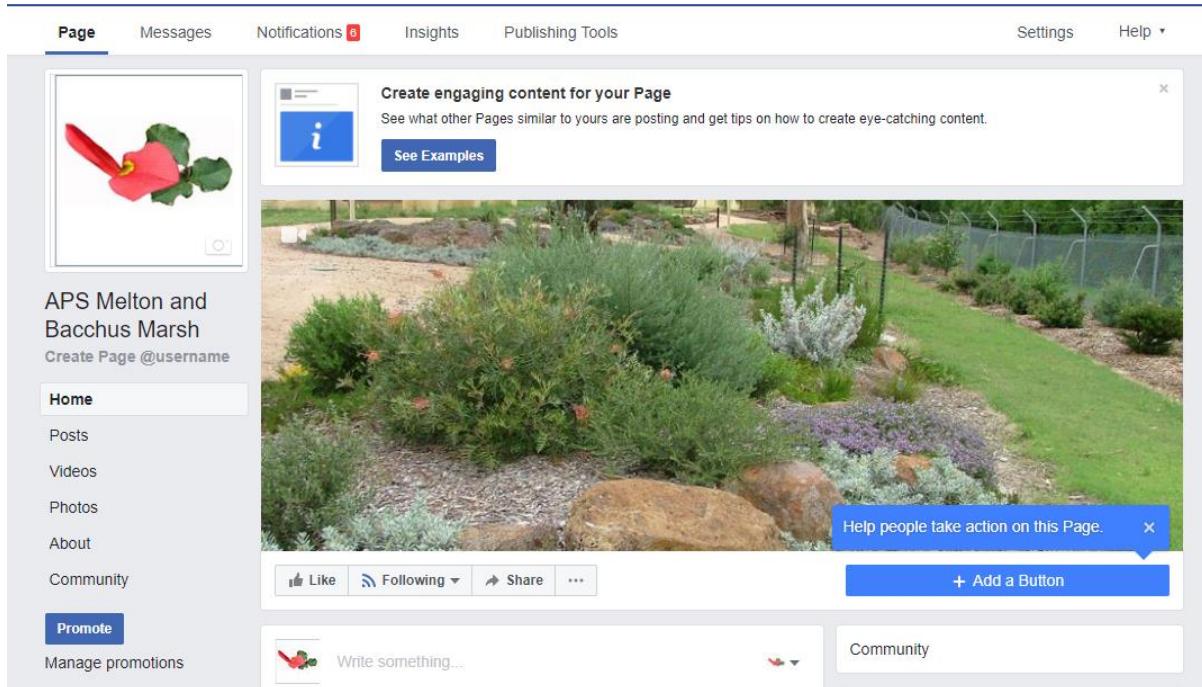
After some supper and a quick rearrangement of the tables, we had a fabulous assortment of specimens brought in for the plant table, with almost no double-ups.



These included: Verdicordia, Eremophila, Grevillea, Darwinia, Callistemon, Scaevola, Melaleuca, Banksia, Hakea, Olearia, Goodenia, Boronia, Pimelea, Correa, Orchid and more, with many sub species.

We're on Facebook

- note by David Pye.



We have a Facebook page and need to publicise it

Could all members who are on Facebook like it?

Since I am a novice regarding Facebook, I need advice in publicising it.

Could a member or members who are proficient in Facebook please get in touch
(dabpye@gmail.com)?

To find it, just type APS Melton and Bacchus Marsh in to the search function on your Facebook page.

Next Meeting

November 22 is our End of Year function incorporating the photo competition. It will be a relaxed affair with a bbq/picnic dinner to kick start us from 6pm. There are bbq facilities at the Willows Historical Park (Dunvegan Cottage) so feel free to bring whatever you would like to eat – whether it is pre-made or something for the bbq. If the weather is good, take a stroll around the perimeter gardens.

When the cottage is set up, there will be photos for you to have a look at in 5 categories. You will be given voting cards for you to choose your favourites.

While we have a raffle and more chatting, the votes will be tallied up and the winners announced. The winning photos will be transformed into a calendar.



As a Christmas bonus and thank you for the year, each membership (ie household) will receive 1 calendar. If you would like to purchase more calendars as gifts, please advise and pay Christine \$10 for each additional calendar on the night. It will look something like this:

So come along, have some fun and catch up with everyone as a group for the last time this year.

Upcoming Events

Advanced Notice – Plant Sale 2018: The date is Saturday 12th May.

Geelong Plant Sale is Saturday 21st April, and Yarra Yarra Plant Sale is Saturday 28th April. APS Mornington will probably be Saturday May 5th.

Friends of the Melton Botanic Garden

UPCOMING CALENDAR:

- FEBRUARY 14, 6.30PM – FREE BBQ AND WALK THROUGH THE MBG
- MARCH 14, 7.30PM – MEETING WITH GUEST SPEAKER JANE EDMANSON
- APRIL 11, 7.30PM – MEETING WITH GUEST SPEAKER JIM HOLDSWORTH

<http://www.fmbg.org.au/> FOR MORE DETAILS

Merry Christmas to everyone, have a fantastic break, I hope you catch up with family and friends and have a wonderful time. We will see you all in January up at the Pye's to pot up the new batch of Hakeas for the plant sale (a newsletter will come out mid January to remind you – and it will be on your calendar!)

- From the Committee

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All contributions to the newsletter are gratefully received. Please send a word document and photos to the group's email address. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me via email or phone. I am also happy to research a subject for an article if you give me a topic you would like to see explored.

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MEETINGS: 4th Wednesday of the month except July and

December (doors open at 7.30pm)

VENUE: Dunvegan Cottage, Willows Historic Park

Cnr Reserve Rd & Nixon St, **Melton** **Melways:** 337 C9

URL for relevant internet websites:

Website: www.runningpostman.org.au

APS Victoria website : <http://www.apsvic.org.au/>

ANPSA website: <http://anpsa.org.au>

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